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SUICIDE OF JAN MASARYK

The Budget

The first reading of the Appropriation Bill is scheduled for 2.30 p.m. on Friday, March 19.

Britain's Far East Trade

British trade with the whole of the Far East showed a marked improvement last year, according to recent Board of Trade returns. This was equally true of trade between China and the United Kingdom.

The following figures in pounds sterling, show total imports during 1938, 1946 and 1947; and total exports for the same years:

Imports (into U.K. from China)	Exports (from U.K. to China)
1938	£7,137,935
1946	£2,696,821
1947	£7,144,621

Trade figures for Japan for the same periods are—

Imports (into U.K. from Japan)	Exports (from U.K. to Japan)
1938	£4,357,581
1946	£7,827,079
1947	£12,757,925

Trade figures for the Far East as a whole are—

Imports (into U.K. from Far East)	Exports (from U.K. to Far East)
1938	£9,215,353
1946	£5,746,462
1947	£18,711,711

Trade Unions Ordinance

The Trade Unions and Trade Disputes Ordinance passed its second and third readings in Legislative Council yesterday, and comes into effect as from April 1.

Setting of a specified time for the coming into force of the Ordinance was effected by an amendment to clause 48, proposed by the Attorney General (Mr. J. B. Griffin) in the Committee stage.

The clause, as originally drafted, provided for the Ordinance to come into effect at such time as the Governor shall notify by proclamation. The amendment fixed the date at April 1.

British Note To Guatemala

London, Mar. 9. Britain today sent a note to Guatemala, the third within a week, stating that unless she was prepared to submit her dispute over British Honduras to international arbitration, she should abandon her present anti-British attitude.

The note, delivered in Guatemala City by the British Minister there, Mr. Wilfred Galliene, answered two earlier Guatemalan notes asserting Guatemala's claim to British Honduras.

Today's note made clear the British Government's "firm intention" to carry out any arrangements they may deem necessary, and suitable for the development and welfare of British Honduras.

It rejects an objection by Guatemala on January 21 to British plans for settling immigration in British Honduras and an objection on February 7 to the possibility of the colony joining any Caribbean federation of the kind considered.

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Leaps To Death From Foreign Office Window

Prague, Mar. 10. Foreign Minister Jan Masaryk leaped to his death this morning from a second floor window of the Czechoslovakian Foreign Office, officials in his Ministry said today.

These officials confirmed that the son of Czechoslovakia's first President ended his life just 15 days after a Communist coup in which he was returned to his post as one of the few non-Communists in the Cabinet.

When reports of the 61-year-old Minister's death began to circulate in Prague, people assembled in little groups. Some were weeping.

Official agencies, including the Ministries of Interior and Information, would say only that they had no detailed information.

The Government-controlled Czechoslovak Press Agency said it would be decided later what form the death communiqué would take.

(In London, General Lev Prokhorov, leader of the Communist movement residing in the Communist regime in Prague, said London exiles had heard that Masaryk had been "under terrible pressure to bring him into line" with the Communist Government.)

Masaryk's last public appearance was in the old town square on Sunday when he attended a celebration of the 88th birthday anniversary of his late father, Thomas G. Masaryk, who was the liberator and founder of modern Czechoslovakia, as well as its first President.

This anniversary was celebrated jointly with the 30th anniversary of a battle in which Czech and Russian troops fought side by side.

Photographs of the Foreign Minister taken during the celebration made him appear haggard and worried.

His body was found in the Palace courtyard about 8 a.m. It was carried away quickly. Neighbours said lights in Masaryk's offices burned all night. Masaryk occupied a small and unpretentious apartment in the Jewish Foreign Office—Czernin Palace.

A non-party man, he was retained when the Communists

Worried

Bomb Plot

A bomb plot against Masaryk's life was foiled last September. The conspiracy failed when explosive parcels were found in the mails addressed to Masaryk and two other Czechoslovak officials. A number of Communists were reported to have been held on charges of making the bombs.

Masaryk was considered last September as a possibility for the Presidency of the United Nations Assembly session. He headed the Czechoslovak delegation to UNO.

While Masaryk was in New York, dispatches from Prague reported attempts by the Communist Party to put representatives of so-called Communist front organizations into the Government in the face of opposition from other parties.

Questioned by newsmen about the crisis, he said "I feel constitutional, democratic and Parliamentary processes must be maintained" in Czechoslovakia.

At 61, Masaryk was a heavy-set, six-foot man, fluent in several languages. His famed black-homburg hat—a type he wore for 20 years—was almost a Masaryk tradition.

"I never planned my own future," he once said. "I have always been pushed into success. I entered diplomacy without merit or qualification. I merely chose my father well."

Associated Press.

HARRY POLLITT VERBOTEN

London, Mar. 10. Mr. Harry Pollitt, General Secretary of the British Communist Party, has been informed by the High Commissioner for Canada that he will not be allowed to land in Canada for a series of lectures in April, the Communist Party stated tonight.—Reuters.

Evacuees

The first foreign women and children evacuees from Central China areas, menaced by Chinese Communists, have arrived in Hong Kong on the advice of their Consular authorities.

Covering a 900-mile railway trip in two and a half days, 35 American women teachers and students reached Hong Kong from Honan on Monday night. They are temporarily accommodated at the Blind Home in Pokfulam where classes are being resumed.

Right are seen the school children with their teachers at the Blind Home.—Associated Press Photo.

OFFICIAL STATEMENT

Prague, Mar. 10. The Government Radio interrupted a programme shortly after noon today with the following announcement:—
"The Presidium of the Government announce that in the early hours of this morning, Foreign Minister Jan Masaryk voluntarily took his life which had been full of work for the Fatherland and the nation."
"He had suffered an illness, coupled with infirmity, and it seems probable that in a moment of nervous disturbance he jumped out of a window from his official flat in the courtyard of the Palace."
"Right to the last minute he had shown no sign of depression. To the contrary, he was full of lively optimism. The circumstances are being investigated."
The broadcast was followed by solemn music.—Associated Press.

Death A Final Protest

London, Mar. 10. The suicide of Dr. Jan Masaryk today solved the riddle of why he kept office under the Communists—he wanted to fight but was helpless.

Diplomatic sources believe his death may increase resistance to the Communist there.

Until now observers outside have been puzzled by the adherence of the son of Czechoslovakia's founder to the changing regime of his country. His death is taken to mean he objected violently but was unable to fight back.

Until late last night Moscow Radio was still quoting Masaryk's alleged approval of the drift of events in Czechoslovakia.

It is ironical that his father, when Jan was still a baby, wrote one of his first great philosophical works with the title "Suicide as a Social Phenomenon."

One anti-Communist Czech here claims Masaryk's suicide is a protest against the fact that the new Government "has nothing in common with the humanitarian and democratic tradition" instilled by his father.—United Press.

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Lifetime Of Service To His Country

Jan Masaryk, blunt-spoken popular Czechoslovakian diplomat and statesman, was the famous son of a famous father, Thomas Masaryk, founder and first President of the Czechoslovakian Republic.

"Give me \$35 a week and an occasional glass of beer—enough to keep body and soul together—under a democracy and I wouldn't take millions anywhere else," he once said, and that one sentence was the word picture of the man.

He was born on September 14, 1886, in Prague. His father, on a lecture tour of America, had married an American girl in Brooklyn, N.Y., and their son was brought up equally at ease in Czech, Slovak and English.

Masaryk's early education began in Prague, but in 1907 he ran away from home without finishing his studies and went to America. He went to work at the Bridgeport (Connecticut) factory of Charles Crane, a wealthy industrialist whose daughter he later married.

But Masaryk had not come to America only to work. He travelled, acquired a knowledge of the country and the people, and then entered Boston University. He returned to Prague in 1913 to finish his studies there.

In the First World War he was conscripted into the Austro-Hungarian army.

The end of the war, and the formation of Czechoslovakian Republic, meant the beginning of a life of diplomacy for him. From 1918 on, he was a figure in the Czechoslovakian Government in various posts.

In 1925 he was given his most important job up to that time—Ambassador to the Court of St. James—a post which he held until the Munich crisis in 1938.

After the Munich Pact had mutilated his native land, he resigned and went to the United States. His aim was to serve the cause for which his father had given his life—not only the establishment of a free and democratic Czechoslovakia, but of a free and democratic world.

Masaryk's lecture tour of various American colleges and universities continued until April, 1939, when he returned to England. Then, at his home in London, he met a delegation of Czech political refugees and legionnaires and formed the Czechoslovakian National Council. Masaryk was elected president. The Second World War came a few months later.

In July, 1940, Masaryk was appointed Foreign Minister to the Czech Government in Exile, with headquarters in London. Due mainly to his efforts, the United States recognized the Exile Government in July, 1941.

Canada And Hong Kong

Ottawa, Mar. 10. Mr. J. A. Ross, Progressive, today called on the Government to set up a judicial inquiry into the Duff Royal Commission report on the Hongkong expedition. He reiterated the Opposition charges that Premier Mackenzie King and the Government knew that war was imminent in the Far East when the Canadian troops were dispatched.

Mr. Ross, speaking during a debate on a resolution to set up a Commons Veterans Affairs Committee, claimed he had seen evidence to prove that a British intelligence agent "is prepared to give evidence under oath that the Liberal Government had information concerning the situation in Japan and Hong Kong" before the Canadian regiments left Canada.—United Press.

Forced Landing On Beach

A training plane from the Far East Flying Training School, piloted by Mr. A. S. Halls, made a forced landing on the beach at Cheung Chau Island yesterday afternoon, due to engine trouble.

Mr. Halls was fortunately not injured and was brought back to Hong Kong by a landing craft sent from the Naval Yard.

The first hint of trouble was received by the Kai Tak Air Control at about 3.30 p.m. when Mr. Halls radioed that he had engine trouble.

Another craft was sent up with Mr. O. S. Chambers, a fellow instructor, from the School, piloting. Mr. Chambers returned late in the evening and reported that everything was all right. He could not land and had to circle over the scene.

Gen. F. C. Chung, National Commander, told the Central Political Committee this morning that the Government was not only fighting the Chinese Communists but also the Japanese and Outer Mongolian Communists in Manchuria. It was reliably learned.

Mr. Chung described the Red Army in Manchuria as an "international force" and said that the Government was setting off about 500,000 Chinese, 10,000 Japanese, 20,000 Koreans and 10,000 Outer Mongolians.—United Press.

Labour Revolt On Palestine Bill

London, Mar. 9. Eleven Labour Members of Parliament, headed by leading members of the "Keep Left" section of the Parliamentary Labour Party, are to urge the rejection of the Government's Palestine Bill when it comes before the House of Commons tomorrow.

Their amendment approves the Government's decision to withdraw from Palestine, but rejects the Bill—a "clearing up" measure to cover the British withdrawal—while the Government pursues a policy which undermines the authority of the United Nations Organisation.

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Hong Kong Smugglers Worrying Washington

Washington, Mar. 10. Hearings in the House Appropriations Committee released today revealed that the United States "fears a recurrence of the old smuggling situation that existed before the war."

United States Representative Harry Anshutz, on the United Nations Narcotics Control Commission told the committee, "We received reports that gangs were starting to organize in Hong Kong and Shanghai. We called on General MacArthur for an agent who was formerly with the Bureau. He went over there and made a rather alarming report. He picked up a lot of pre-war smugglers that were both in Shanghai and Hong Kong."

"We have the Chinese and Hong Kong police on the alert. Supervision there is probably not too close. Japan, however, has been very well closed up."

He added that "there has been no smuggling so far although if and when supply is available we can expect it. In Hong Kong we have our eye on the smuggler. He is an American citizen by the way."

United Press.

Alcohol A Capitalist Necessity!

Prague, Mar. 9. The Communist newspaper Nova Svoboda (New Freedom) today tied up the current Anti-Alcoholism Week with Socialist ideology.

"The capitalist system needed to have a worker drunk and falling asleep," so allegedly weakened his resistance. But the Socialist system needs a healthy-thinking, self-educating worker."

The paper called for workers to liquidate the numerous bars in Prague as the Government looks over "one hour holes" in Prague, replacing them with modern clubs, "filled not with fumes of alcohol, but with the spirit of true social life, built on the basis of refined amusements at high level"—United Press.

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The Weather

An extensive area of low pressure persists over China. An anticyclone over S. Mongolia, extends as a ridge of high pressure to Japan to the E. of which is a cold front. A cold front extends from a ridge across N. Japan to the S. China Sea.

Today's Forecast—Like S. or N. winds, cloudy and cool with light to moderate rain or drizzle at times. The morning will be warmer and sunnier.

Yesterday's Weather—Maximum: 84°; Minimum: 64°; Rainfall: 0.4 in.; Wind: S.W. 10-15 mph; Sunshine: 4.7 hours.

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In Yaumati Typhoon Shelter in the custody of the Court Bailiffs, would be proven to conform in almost exact detail with plans and specifications, save that when the lighter was built it had no rudder nor a crane, and whereas originally she had 10 cheeks, five on each side, she now had 22, eleven aside.

Mr. Talmada concluded by saying the contention of the defense is that the craft in question was built for defendants in 1935 and they have a plan of it.

Union Church Annual General Meeting, Helena, May Institute, 8 p.m.

St. John's Cathedral, Helena Annual Meeting, Cathedral Hall, 8 p.m.

"The Middle West Club," Helena, 8 p.m.

St. Andrew's Church, Helena, 8 p.m.

The "Gleaner" Singers at Church, 8 p.m.

Fleet Club Theatre, 8 p.m.

"Club Night" at European YMCA, 8 p.m.

Hong Kong Singers practice at St. Paul's Church, Glenade, 8 p.m.



Completely healed after a clever "surgical" operation, the Asiatic Petroleum Company's oil tanker, "Aldegonda," left Tallapoosa Docks for Pladjoe in Java yesterday morning.

At Tallapoosa Docks, the tanker's entire middle portion was scrapped and built anew. As a result, its original tonnage of 2,088 gross tons has been augmented to 2,466 gross tons.

MEMBERS OF
A TEAM

Arrested at Main Street
12:25 a.m. on March 8 on sus-
picion of having connected with
a newspaper "craze" in
a newspaper office at Kwan (22)
and Main Street (20) and
transferred to Det. Inspector J.
W. Forest, that they were men-
bers of the Black Line. The
arrested.

Yesterday they were ar-
rested at the same place and
transferred to the same place
and the same place. The
arrested.

Police inspectors around the
city in their own time
transferred to the same place
and the same place. The
arrested.

The Bureau in Chicago decided the following list of individuals to be for sale:

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The New York Times has reported that the amount is \$100,000.

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...drums to...more
...to...advice. He applied for
...the confiscation of the 100 drums
...if sodium chlorate...and pointed
...out that all the drums formed
...part of a shipment by the S/S
...Nellor...four...which
...the drums coolies to get on to
...the fumes some time ago, and on
...which the First Brigade worked
...for a week to clear the fumes.
...Mr. Blair-Kerr fined the de-
...blasted firm \$250 on each sum-
...mer. He ordered the condemned
...45 drums of sodium chlorate.

When Larry O'Neil, driver of the truck, was stopped outside the Hong Lok station about 7:30 p.m., on Feb. 18, Fire Officer C. Seymour found 600 gallons of kerosene in board.

There was no fire extinguisher in the truck nor was there anything else in the truck which might have caused the fire, he said.

The Chinese displayed several newspapers were in the rear of the truck near the time of the burning, according to the testimony.

The testimony also related to the Chinese Station where the newspaper "Yan Wan Chai" was published at 100 Canton street.

W. A. Gault, who testified that he saw the truck

tiles in between cues with the rubbing effect that the play been extended to unnecessary minutes.

Secondly, the changing cabin at No. 2 lacks "convenient comfort" and can easily be improved for the next season, with a peeping. But of this, the producer is as its worst!

—KIMBERLE

Newspaper Vendor Fined

WIL COX, newspaper vendor, was fined \$100 by the city court for selling newspapers on the sidewalk.

Defendant, who was charged with hawking without a license and obstruction toward Albert Ross. Defendant, who was sentenced to six weeks for contempt of court last month, denied charges that he was a Communist Party member and that he was a member of the Communist Party of the United States.

officers on behalf of the Tung Wah Navigation Co. Plaintiffs paid the sum of \$23800 for freight and smuggling and paid cash money to the Chuen Hing firm as plaintiffs did not trust the firm which had just been recently started.

He said that the money was for freight and not for custom duties. He could not pay the customs as the import of the goods was prohibited in China.

Hearing will be continued his morning.

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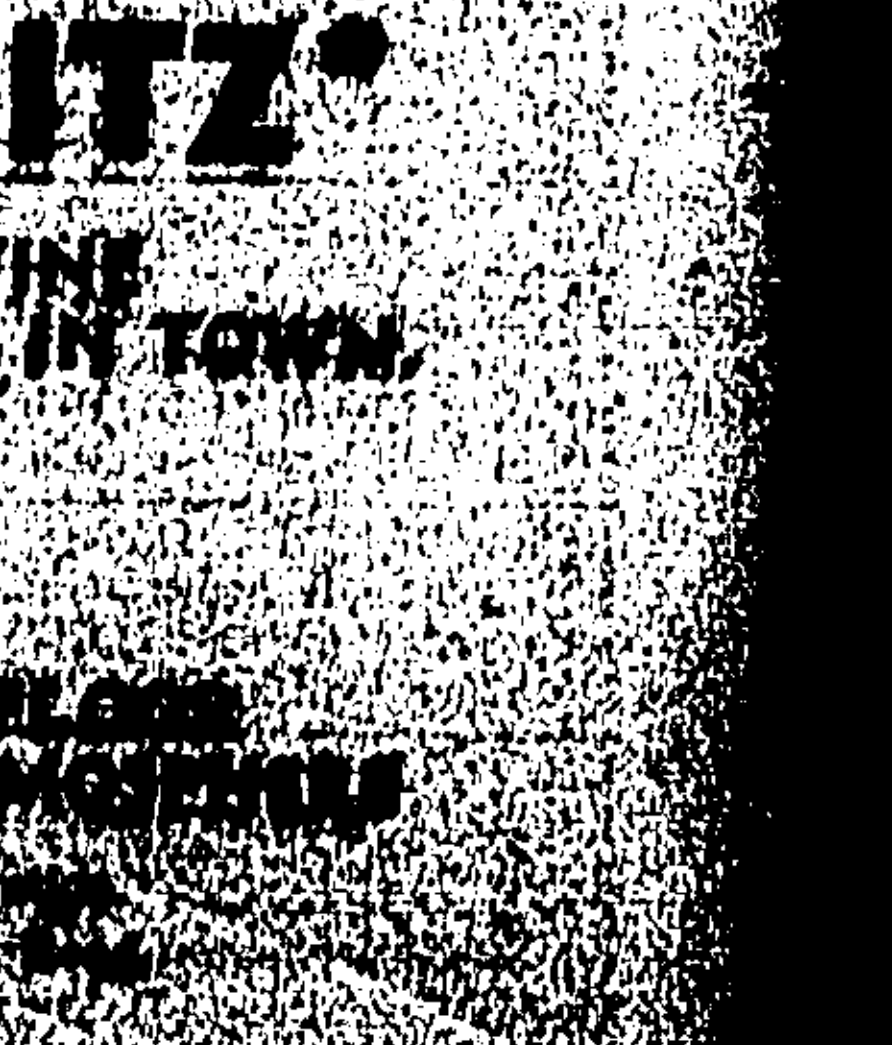
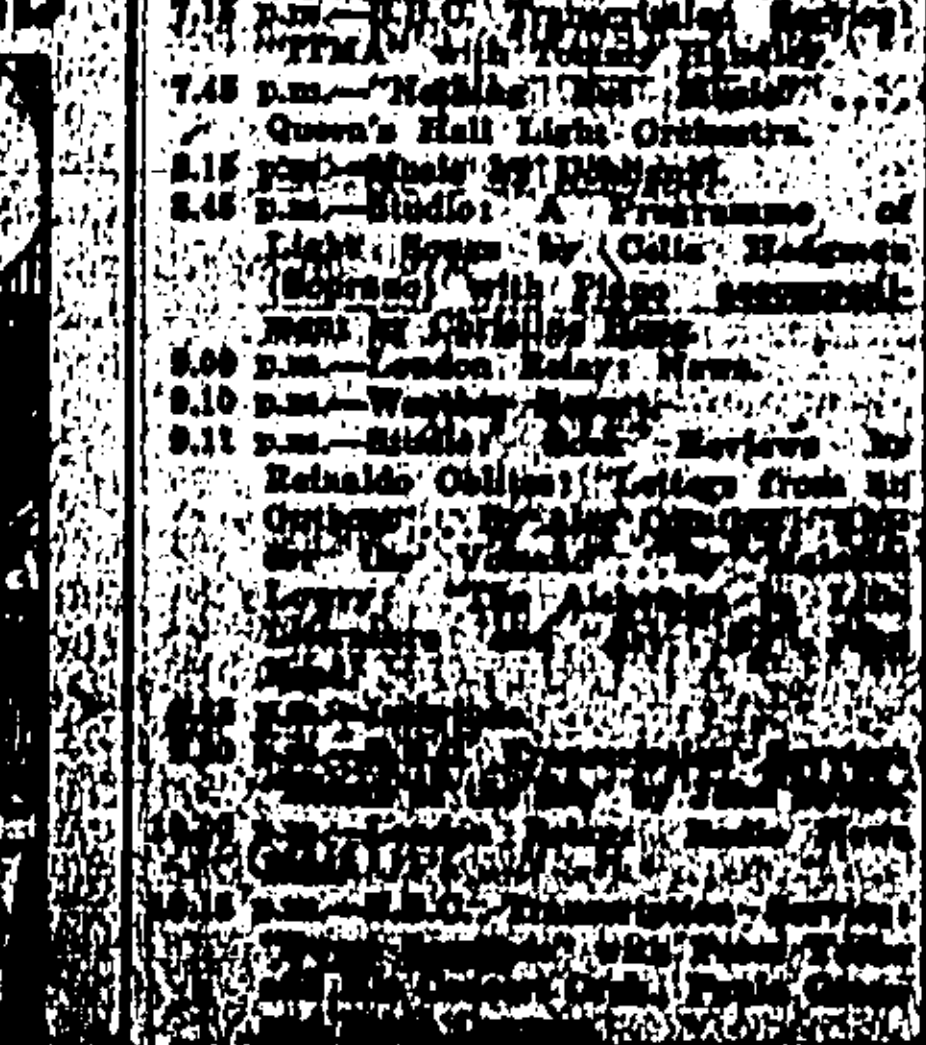
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SAID HIS WIFE, HER HUSBAND HAD BEEN "HONEYMOONING"

"Didn't Behave In A Disorderly Manner Purposely"

"No one likes to wash dirty linen in public less than I do but I must make clear to the Court that my client did not behave in a disorderly manner purposely and if she had wanted to do she could have made a scene in much more public places than Robinson Road at midnight when everyone was asleep," said Mr. M. A. da Silva at Central Magistracy yesterday.

Mr. Silva was appearing before Mr. J. G. Conklin defending Mrs. M. de Schipper who was summoned by Mr. de Loos, of 9 Robinson Road (first floor) for disorderly conduct in Robinson Road at midnight on January 16.

Defendant pleaded "Not guilty." First witness called by Mr. H. J. Armstrong (prosecuting) was Mr. de Loos who told the Court that he and his wife and Mr. de Schipper had gone to bed when they heard the bell ringing. He looked out of the window and saw defendant and her daughter so he went downstairs and disconnected the bell. Defendant proceeded to bang on the door with what he believed to be a stone and shouted out remarks like, "They seem to be afraid of me, but I'll get them yet!" She then threw stones at the window. The outside porch bulb was broken. She was in a very hysterical condition but seemed quite sober. The police were telephoned and after about half an hour

they came and asked who they were to arrest as defendant had gone. Witness, his wife and Mr. de Schipper then went down stairs and looked for defendant who, alleged witness, was found under some bushes.

Go Out Together

Mr. da Silva asked witness if he had told the police that they were breaking into his house. Witness denied this.

Mr. da Silva: Is it correct to say that your wife and defendant's husband have been seen together frequently in public places? Only very seldom though we do go out a good deal together.

Mr. Armstrong objected to this question saying it had nothing whatever to do with the present case.

Mr. Silva explained that he was only trying to make clear to the Court that his client did not go to Robinson Road with the intention of causing a disturbance but only to see her husband with the intention of getting him to return to her and their family.

Mr. Silva (to witness). Was your wife at one time on the payroll of Mr. de Schipper? Not now, she was formerly.

Mr. Silva: What did Mrs. de Schipper call out to you when you were upstairs? She said that my wife and her husband had been honeymooning whilst I was in Holland and that they had been to the Republic Bay Hotel that night, which was wrong as we had been out together somewhere else.

Mr. Silva: Does your wife have lunch with Mr. de Schipper almost every day and they are seen very often in the Hong Kong Hotel and Gloucester Lounge? Not often, but occasionally.

Mr. Armstrong again objected, and Mr. Silva said he was only trying to point out the public places at which Mrs. de Loos and Mr. de Schipper were seen together.

Not Lived With His Wife

Mr. E. J. de Schipper corroborated first witness' evidence and said he had not lived with his wife since Stanley Camp internment. Mr. Silva asked him if he had not lived with his wife since she returned from Holland after the war. Mr. de Schipper admitted that.

Mr. Silva: when your wife returned you were not there to meet her because you were dancing with Mrs. de Loos? No I was on business on board a ship.

Have you been going out with Mrs. de Loos without her husband quite a lot? Very seldom.

Was Mrs. de Loos employed by you in your office at a salary? For a short while. Is it correct to say that she only appeared at 11-30 a.m. for coffee and 4-30 p.m. for tea? No, she started work 9 a.m.

Where was Mrs. de Schipper when the police arrived and you came out of the house? She was standing by some policeman together with our daughter.

Would you say she was hiding in the bushes? No she stood by them. Any one walking past could not have seen her.

The case was adjourned until Monday.

H.K. Macao Radio 'Phone

Radio-telephonic communication between Hong Kong and Macao is scheduled to be inaugurated on Monday with an exchange of greetings between the Governors of the two colonies.

The provisional rate is \$4 per three-minute call between the hours of 9 a.m. and 7 p.m. daily, (Sundays 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.).

Women On Loitering Charges

Ten women appeared at Central Magistracy yesterday before Mr. J. G. Conklin on a charge of obstruction for loitering in the Wanchai district. They were arrested by Insp. J. Hayward and a party of police.

The defendants were Li Lai-bing, 28, Li Lai-chun, 23, Chan Sam-mui, 20, Li Ngan-king, 23, Lai Ying, 20, So Man, 20, Chan Mui, Ho Chat-mui, 24, Leung Wan-chung, 23, and Fung Kui, 30, all widows.

Insp. Brownrigg said that defendants were loitering in Leung and Hennessy Roads at about 9 p.m. on March 9. Three had a previous record for the same offence and were fined \$100 while the rest were fined \$50 and bound over in a bond of \$200 to be of good behaviour for twelve months. They were all told to go to police headquarters and be photographed.

Didn't Know He Had To Have Driving Licence

"Your Highness, I have only just come from Shanghai and my company, sent me to test this car. I did not know that I had to get another licence as I have a Shanghai licence. I only earn a couple of hundred dollars a month so I would like your highness to take a lenient view of the case," explained Thomas C. Chien, 25, when he appeared at the Central Magistracy yesterday before Mr. J. G. Conklin on a charge of driving without a valid Hong Kong licence in Hennessy Road at 3.30 p.m. on March 9.

Mr. Conklin warned defendant that he must not even sit behind the steering wheel of a car until he had got a Hong Kong licence. A caution was registered.

Vigilance Rewarded

On March 6 watchman Cheng Yee-ying of Hoi's Wharf noticed that a case containing piano wires had been broken open and some of the contents pilfered. He decided to set a special watch on the case.

His vigilance was rewarded at 9 a.m. on March 9 when he saw Leung Wing, 27-year-old coolie, taking a few boxes from the cage in No. 6 Godown (East).

Brought to the office by the watchman, Leung was searched and in his clothing was found six boxes of piano wires valued at \$80.

When Leung pleaded guilty to the charge of larceny in Mr. W. H. Latimer's Court yesterday, Inspector J. Orm said that when asked at the Police Station defendant frankly said, "I did steal."

Accused was sentenced to two months' hard labour.

OFFICIAL TITLES CHANGED

The titles of Principal Assistant Colonial Secretary and Assistant Financial Secretary were changed to Deputy Colonial Secretary and Deputy Financial Secretary respectively by resolution passed at Legislative Council yesterday.

The change effected under section 6 of the Public Officers (Changes of Style) Ordinance 1937, was proposed by the Attorney General (Mr. J. B. Griffin) who explained that the purpose of the amendment is to conform with organisation in the Secretariat.

It is designed to permit in future of officers holding the appointments of Deputy Colonial Secretary and Deputy Financial Secretary to be empowered to a greater extent than now to deal with and settle matters of routine, thereby freeing the Colonial Secretary and the Financial Secretary to a greater extent than is now possible for them to deal with matters of policy.

The motion was seconded by the Colonial Secretary and carried unanimously.

Tenancy Tribunal Appeal

Judgment was delivered by the Chief Justice, Mr. E. H. Williams, in the appeal brought by Mrs. Patricia Cally Hall against the decision of a Tenancy Tribunal.

An increase of \$48 a month in respect of rateable improvements to the premises was fixed, to begin from March 15, 1947, which added to the standard rent of \$120, makes a total of \$168 a month.

As from July 1, 1947, the 30 percent statutory increase, or \$36, is to be added, making a total of \$198 a month.

The contractor's bill for improvements to the premises was further pruned down to \$8,400 to which both sides agreed.

Mrs. Hall appeared in person, while the landlord was represented by Mr. F. G. Nigal.

Over 20 motor truck drivers were summoned before Mr. F. X. d'Almada at Central Magistracy yesterday for causing obstruction and parking in prohibited places and were given fines ranging from \$25 to \$50.

Owing to the police constables taking out the summons before uncertain of the date, the summons against Dr. T. K. Leung for parking his car in a prohibited area was discharged by Mr. F. X. d'Almada at Central Magistracy yesterday.

RADIO

21st Hong Kong Broadcasting Co. Ltd. will broadcast on 12.30 p.m. and from 6.00 to 11.00 p.m. and also on 9.30 p.m. in the 11 metre band from 12.30 to 1.30, 2.30 to 3.30 and 4.30 to 5.30 p.m.

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Sale Conditions may be obtained and sale plan inspected at the Office of the Superintendent of Crown Lands and Surveys, Lower Albert Road, Hong Kong.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Location	Boundaries	Area in sq. ft.	Annual Rental	Upset Price
1	New Kowloon Inland "A" No. 8514	Apliu Street, Shamshuipo	As per sale plan (Area coloured red)	19,200 (about)	\$484	\$68,000

Immediately after the fall of the hammer the purchaser shall according to the Conditions of Sale pay to the Auctioneer a sum of \$13,200.00 in cash or by cheque which shall be certified by the Bank on which it is drawn. The Bank must be a member of the Exchange Banks Association.

V. KENNIF, Director of Public Works.

Date: 1st March, 1948.

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AND NOTICE is also given that the Share Transfer Registers will be closed from 29th March, 1948 to 3rd April, 1948, both days inclusive.

By order of the Board,

R. A. WICKERSON, Managing Director.

Hongkong, 9th March, 1948.

CHINESE ESTATES, LIMITED

TWENTY-FIRST ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the TWENTY-FIRST ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Company's Office at China Buildings (5th floor), Hong Kong, on Monday, the 12th April, 1948, at 12 o'clock noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and a Statement of Account for the year ending the 31st December, 1947, and of electing three Directors and an Auditor.

The TRANSFER BOOK of the Company will be CLOSED from the 30th March, to the 12th April, 1948, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

LI KWAN HUNG Acting Secretary.

Hongkong, 10th March, 1948.

THE "STAR" FERRY COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

NOTICE is hereby given that the Forty-sixth Ordinary Yearly Meeting of the Members of this Company will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., on Wednesday, the 17th day of March, 1948, at Noon to receive the Report of the Board of Directors and Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1947, to elect Directors and to appoint Auditors.

Notice is also given that the Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 4th March, 1948, to the 17th March, 1948, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors, HONG KONG, 20th Feb. 1948. C. E. TERRY, Manager & Secretary.

NOTICE

UNION WATERBOAT CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the thirty-ninth Ordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held at the Office of Messrs. Dodwell & Co., Ltd., 3rd floor, Hong Kong Bank Building, on Friday, the 19th March, 1948, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1947.

NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that the Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 5th March, 1948 to the 19th March, 1948 both days inclusive.

DODWELL & CO., LTD., General Managers.

25th February, 1948.

THE BANK OF CANTON, LTD.

Ordinary Yearly General Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the ordinary yearly general meeting of shareholders of the Company will be held at the head office of the Company, 6 Des Voeux Road Central, Hongkong, on Monday the 15th March, 1948, at 3.00 p.m. for the purpose of receiving and considering the reports of the Directors and of the Auditors and the Profit and Loss Account and Balance Sheet for the year ending 31st December, 1947, and for the appointment of auditors and declaration of dividends.

The Register of Shares of the Company will be closed from the 5th day of March to 15th March, 1948 (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares will be registered.

By Order of the Board,

D. S. YUAN, Chief Manager.

Hong Kong, 4th March, 1948.

THE HONGKONG ROPE MANUFACTURING CO., LTD.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Fifty-ninth Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Office of the Company, Chung Tin Building, First floor, 6, Des Voeux Road Central, Victoria, Hongkong, on Thursday, 8th April, 1948, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the year ended 31st December, 1947, and to transact the ordinary business of the Company.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be closed from Thursday, 26th March, 1948, until Thursday, 8th April, 1948, both days inclusive.

By Order

of the Board of Directors, SHEWAN TOMES & CO., LTD.

I. W. SHEWAN,

Director,

General Managers.

Hongkong, 10th March, 1948.

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Readers' Letters

Banking Law

Sir,—Of all the post-war enactments the legislative intent of the Banking Law is perhaps the best. The mushroom-like growth of "banks" in the Colony following the Japanese surrender has attracted more speculators since China's civil war and inflationary currency have become intolerable to many Chinese.

The closure of one newly organized bank last year in the heart of the banking district was as sensational as it was damaging to the hard-earned deposit owners. At once we found that although Hitler was defeated in Europe, the technique of his financial magician, Dr. Hjalmar Schacht, was not all absent in this Colony. A bank manager of one Hongkong bankrupt bank could at once sit as another bank manager without any obligation being discharged to his creditors and the Government.

A bank is juridically speaking a trustee of the public. Larceny and breach of trust should always be pointed to those bankers who fail to pay to the depositors on demand. The new law is therefore very welcome. We hope when examining the applications the government would be very strict.

It is however important to know that to have a good law is one thing while to have a strict enforcement is another. Hongkong's prosecution and police forces are obviously under-staffed. They are moreover too much accustomed to violent crimes. Economic swindlings and cheating are much more serious than the stealing of one or two hundred dollars. Yet the police would usually refuse to take cognizance of the big swindling.

It is hoped therefore that with the enforcement of the new legislation racketeers and swindlers who have operated in Hongkong so freely shall be put into the places where they belong to.

HU SHUT.

Duress Notes

Sir,—It is indeed gratifying to note the Hon. A. Morse's statement on "the principles of the Singapore Bill" if "applied to Hongkong" will result in "the validation against the Bank of considerable sums both in genuine and occupation currency which the Bank never received but which were paid to

agents of the Japanese Occupying Power who were appointed to liquidate the Bank and confiscated its funds in direct violation of the accepted principles of international law."

While the enemy was in control of the Colony it was considered for all intents and purposes a part of the Japanese Empire. Even the elementary concepts of the law of nations governing the belligerent occupation were not taken into consideration. The Mikado's sons here thought they had already won the war.

The payment and liquidation of bank mortgages and deposits in yen were certainly in violation of international law. As most persons or companies who paid such monies to enemy liquidators were those Chinese who in the pre-war days owed greatly their fortunes and allegiance to the British, Chinese and other allied governments their payments to such liquidators were prima facie evidence of treason and collaboration with an enemy detrimental to the allied cause. The fact that the Crown has pardoned their crime of treason in person does not imply that they should get away with their treasonable looting at the expense of loyal subjects.

The Hon. A. Morse's protest is therefore in the interest of the public good, and deserves "unqualified support" of all whose hearts are for the welfare of the Colony and allied cause. The Hongkong and Shanghai Bank made a mistake, it seems to the writer, in validating the duress notes most of which would have been in the hands of the enemy and his collaborators. But there was at least some sentimental reason in the recognition of such issues. Another justification may be that they were signed by a former Bank manager and they may be regarded as a kind of ransom money which honourable persons would not always repudiate even though juridically they have no basis.

The payments to the enemy liquidators, like occupation land deals, have no such foundation. They are, as said, prima facie evidence of high treason and should not be recognized. A.B.C.

An Ordinance is introduced in the Grand Hotel des Wagon-Lits Ltd. to convert the currency of its capital from Peiping dollars to Hong Kong dollars was read in first time and carried unanimously in Legislative Council yesterday.



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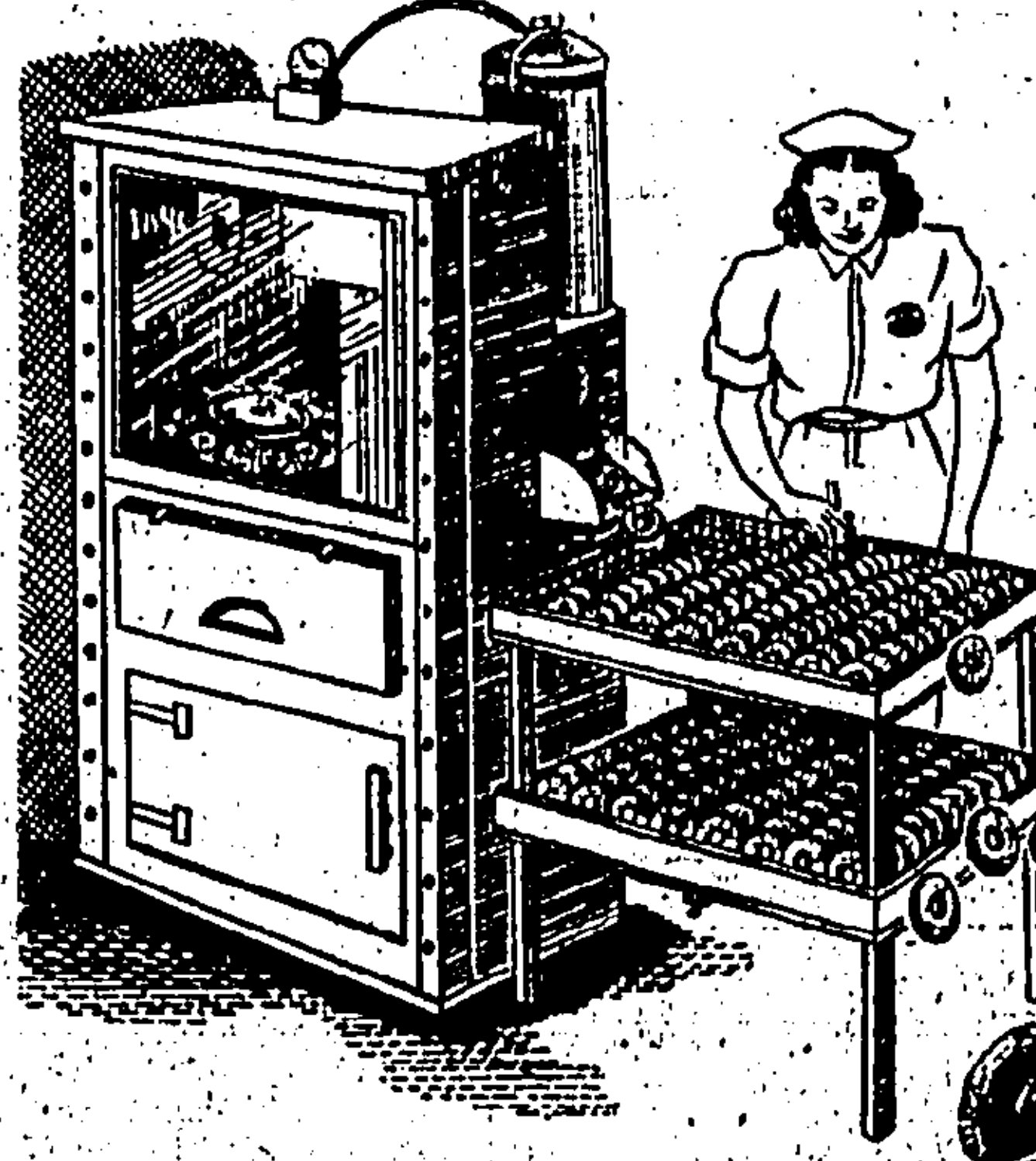
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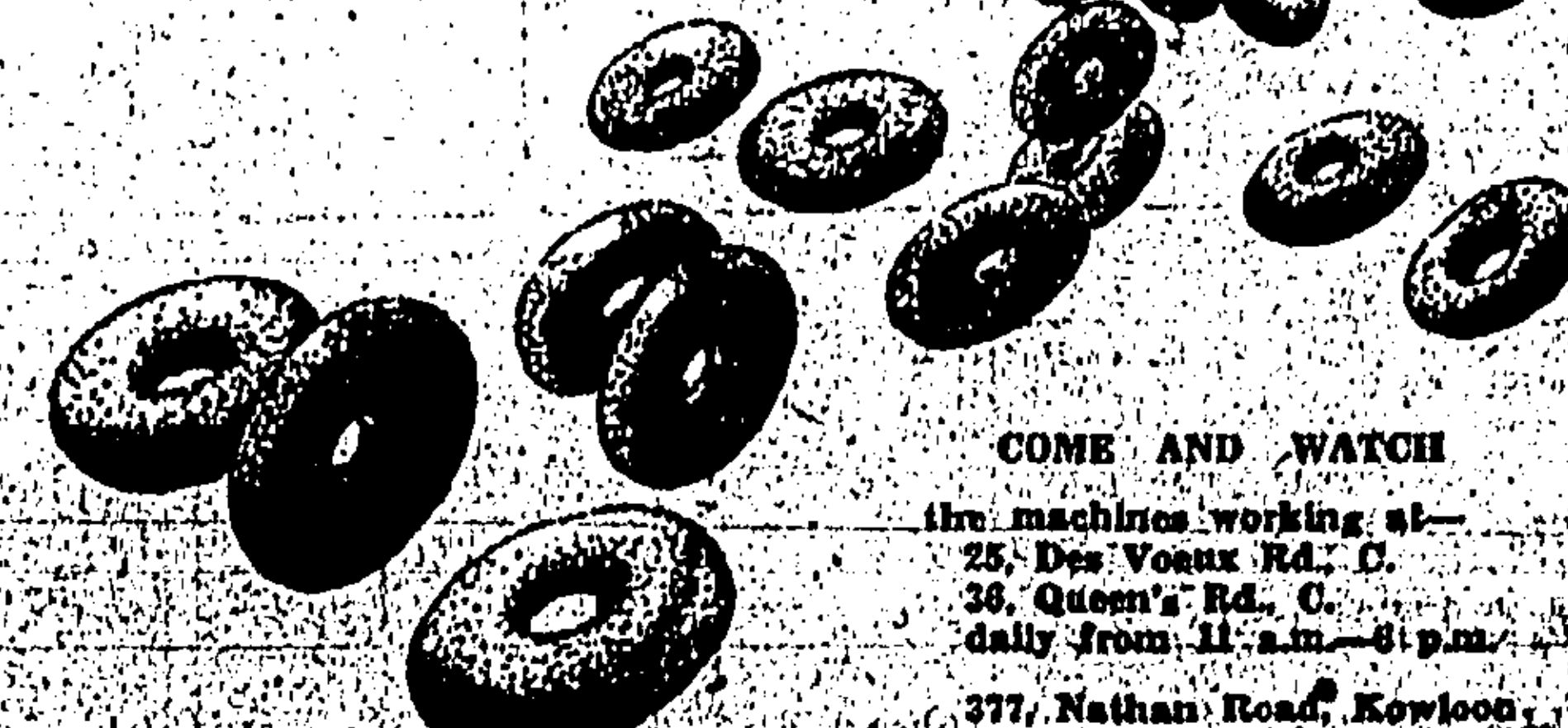
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HONG KONG TRADE HOLD-UP

Exports Destined For China

London, Mar. 9.
Mr. William Teeling, Conservative, asked in the House of Commons today what was being done about exports destined for China which had been held up in Hong Kong in the last six months.

Mr. George Bottomley, Secretary for Overseas Trade, regretted he had no figures available as Hong Kong was the general distributing centre for the Far East and it was not possible to distinguish goods imported for resale, or on shipment to China, from those destined for other markets.

Mr. Teeling: "Is the Minister aware China has quite recently closed the market to many goods being put through Hong Kong, and are steps being taken elsewhere, say Siam?"

Mr. Bottomley: "That will be considered, although in the case of Siam, it is a soft currency area and we shall not be very anxious."

Mr. Walter Fletcher, Conservative, said an enormous amount of goods and merchandise was held up in Hong Kong. He suggested it was the Board of Trade's duty to re-them to gain a little more hard currency.

Mr. Bottomley repeated that Hong Kong was a general distributing centre. This was a matter which had to be considered fully. Import licences entered into it.

After Mr. Bottomley had answered another question about the amount of British exports to Siam and the Philippines, Mr. Teeling said Conservatives were rather nervous that the Board of Trade "is not paying enough attention to the Far East."

Mr. Bottomley replied that the Government was paying it lease them and redistributing every attention.—Reuter.

Saigon, Mar. 9.
The United States Consul General, John Hamlin, said today that the two American women State Department employees, who were shot on Sunday outside Saigon, apparently were killed from an ambush by Viet Namose guerillas.

The victims were Mrs. Jeanne R. Skewes, 32, formerly of Evanston, Illinois, and Miss Lydia Ruth James, 30, of Hilldale, Indiana. They left their home together at 5 p.m. with Mrs. Skewes driving a jeep assigned by the State Department, plainly marked with American flags.

French officials said the road they took led only to a French patrol outpost and was considered not safe after dark. They estimated the time of the attack was 7 p.m. Mrs. Skewes was librarian for the United States Information Service. Miss James was a clerk in the Consulate and also a former W.A.C. in Southwest Pacific.—United Press.

London, Mar. 9.
The Allied Military Government of Trieste and the Italian Government today signed in Rome a financial agreement guaranteeing funds for the continued administration of Trieste until the appointment of a Governor and the establishment of an autonomous government.—Reuter.

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TURKEY AND WESTERN UNION

London, Mar. 9.
Mr. N. Sadak, Turkish Foreign Minister, is to have an interview with the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, on Friday when he visits London on his way to attend next Monday's Marshall Plan conference in Paris.

Mr. Sadak may raise with Mr. Bevin the question of Turkey's future relations with a Western European Union, informed quarters here believe.—Reuter.

Anti-Plague Drug

Baltimore, Mar. 9.
Doctors at the Johns Hopkins Hospital here, working on a new drug named polymyxin, reported that they hoped to send supplies of the drug to India for research against bubonic plague.

Papers submitted by the doctors today stated that the drug had been used with "unique" effectiveness in typhoid fever, various urinary tract infections, tularemia (rabbit fever), undulant fever, meningitis and other diseases.

Polymyxin is derived from the bacillus polymyxa, commonly found in soil and water sewage, the report stated. It is not yet available in sufficient quantities for general clinical use.

The great advantage of polymyxin over other recent "wonder drugs" it was said, is that the bodies it attacks do not develop a resistance to it.—Reuter.

Hopei Communists Said "Broken"

Peiping, Mar. 10.

Stunned, wounded and weary Communist prisoners streamed into Peiping as General Fu Tso-yi's headquarters announced that the backbone of the Communist strength in East Hopei was broken.

Crowds watched as hundreds of ragged grey-clad prisoners were brought into the city truckload after truckload.

Fu's headquarters described a "savage daylong engagement" in the Paoli-Halingho area, 50 miles south-east of Peiping, which was climaxed by a campaign against the Reds massed at Mentouko coalmines, 20 miles west of Peiping.

This is the third, possibly the most important Nationalist victory in Hopei, since Fu Tso-yi took over the North China Command and left the Communist power shattered throughout the province, except for a few Reds left near Paoting. Peasants who took refuge in Peiping are preparing to return to their farmlands.

Five Red regiments are reported to have been wiped out. Communist squadron commander Wu Chen-yu told the United Press that a dawn attack took the Reds completely by surprise. He said, "My soldiers, who were raw conscripts without battle training, fell all around me. I shouted 'surrender' and our own political commissars shot me with a pistol. He threw a hand-grenade at me, causing a leg wound. Then we killed the commissar."—United Press.

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Cabarets' Legal Action

Shanghai, Mar. 10.

The Cabaret Guild yesterday sued the Social Affairs Bureau authorities for the latter's "illegal act" in dissolving the Guilding immediately after the riot of cabaret girls and workers on January 31.

The Guild declared that it was not involved in the riot and therefore, it was both unreasonable and "illegal" for the Bureau to dissolve it "of their own free will."

The Municipal Government have decided to answer the Guild's charges privately and decline to present their case to the court, according to the "China Press."

Nevertheless, the Guild have definitely decided to proceed with legal action and have collected CN\$500 million to cover expenses.—Reuter.

Something New In Particles

Berkeley, Calif., Mar. 9.

A new laboratory achievement—the manufacture of an atom particle known as a meson—was reported here today and acclaimed as the greatest thing in atomic research since the discovery of uranium fission in 1939.

The manufacture of the meson, an atom particle as protons, electrons and neutrons are atom particles, was announced by Dr. Ernest Lawrence, and Mr. James B. Fisk, Research Director of the United States Atomic Energy Commission.

The particles, which eventually may lead to atomic energy far greater than that within the atom bomb, were produced in the University of California's 4,000-ton cyclotron.

Dr. Lawrence said the laboratory mesons will give scientists their best tool for finding out just what particles there are in the nuclei of atoms.—Reuter.

CAT ATTACK PROTEST?

Nanking, Mar. 10.

A reliable source said today that the government will protest to Russia against the attack of a Soviet fighter plane on a CAT C-40 transport.

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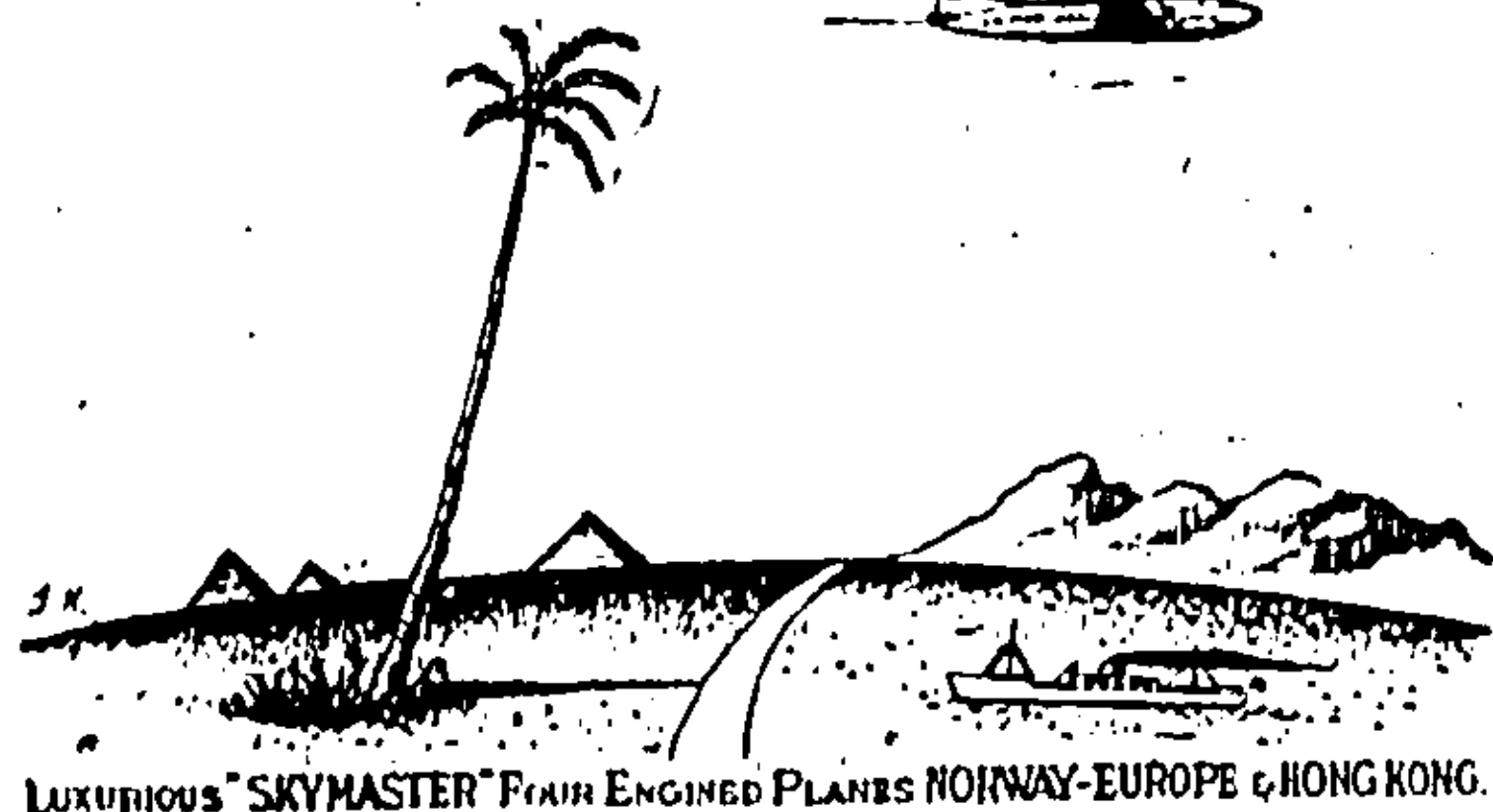
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ARMY LOOKS TO THE FUTURE

Land Forces Still Of Importance

Debate On Army Estimates

London, Mar. 9.
The idea that the discovery of modern and more deadly weapons of warfare had destroyed the value of the army was disputed today by the War Minister, Mr. Emanuel Shinwell.
"I believe this is a fallacy. Scientists may have produced weapons of mass destruction but none which so far obviates the need for fighting on land," he declared.

"The idea that in a future war all that is required is to press a button and that land forces are superfluous is not supported by any evidence in the possession of any Department, and it may prove dangerous for this country to rely upon any such assumption."

Mr. Shinwell was opening the debate in the House of Commons on the Army Estimates, which provide for a net expenditure in the coming financial year of £295 million—£18 million less than in the current year.

The commitments of the British Army overseas do not conflict with "our wish to be spared the horrors of another war and to seek, through conciliation and agreement, a lasting peace."

"We are compelled in this time of disturbance and confusion to seek effective measures to uphold the traditions of this nation, whose way of life, in spite of some setbacks, is well worth defending."

The true size of the Army on April 1 would be 527,000. In a year's time, it would be 239,000.

Since the end of the war in Europe, 2,615,000 men had been released from the Army. By the end of next March, it was hoped to build up the regular army, the long-service army excluding conscripts, to about 200,000 men.

No Breathing Space

If war should occur in the future, Britain could not hope

Rumours In Paris

Paris, Mar. 9.
The visit of the British Ambassador, Sir Oliver Harvey, to the Finance Minister, M. Mayer, "had no special significance," a French Foreign Office spokesman told Reuters tonight.

This followed the considerable interest manifested by political circles here tonight in an interview between Sir Oliver and M. Mayer which lasted several hours today.

In some quarters, the visit was linked with the rumours, current in Paris lately, that some form of agreement about a European customs union between Britain, France and the Benelux countries had been reached.

No confirmation of this could be obtained tonight. —Reuters.

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CHINA MISSION STORY

Washington, Mar. 9.
President's Press Secretary Charles Ross told newsmen he knew nothing concerning a Honolulu report that Percy Hampton Johnston, retired chairman of the Chemical Bank and Trust Company, New York, would be sent to China to investigate that country's financial situation. — Associated Press.

Corpses Round A Table

PARIS, MAR. 9.
WHEN THE DOOR TO 155, FAUBOURG DU TEMPLE, PARIS, WAS BROKEN OPEN TONIGHT, FOUR DEAD WOMEN WERE FOUND SEATED ROUND THE DINNER TABLE.
They had been dead since Saturday.
The police said the deaths had been caused by gas poisoning from a stove which had apparently been used to heat the dinner table.
The gas was still flowing when the bodies were found.
The door was broken open by a friend who went to discover why there had been no sign of the women since Saturday. — Reuters.

POLITICAL TRUCE IN ITALY AT AN END

Rome, Mar. 9.

Italy's uneasy political truce on pre-election violence was broken today by the news that a Communist was shot and killed by a Christian Democrat yesterday.

Nearly every party had some complaint about truce violations after the week-end campaigning.

However, the shooting at Bugita (in Southern Italy) was the first bloodshed since a gentlemen's agreement was signed by the major political groups, and the Communists used it for a vicious attack against "Christian Democrat intolerance."

The fact that the Christian Democrat, Romeo Palermo, was the local Secretary for the Catholic Party and that a second Communist was slightly injured when Palermo fired two bullets into Pietro Mazzella brought the Communist Party charge that Premier Alcide de Gasperi's Party "prepares for elections with provocations and bloodshed."

Party newspapers argued editorially about the newest item in the campaign for the April national vote—de Gasperi's charge that Russia had never offered to sell any food to Italy and Communist boss Palmiro Togliatti's reply that the Soviet was ready to give Italy food and raw materials but had been repulsed by the present Government.

It was the first time Russia had been brought directly into the pre-election fight.

The dispute over whether Russia could or would help Italy was, however, a side issue in the argument about truce violations. A police round-up of 64 labour officials in the Bari region yesterday on charges of inciting violence during last November's wave of strikes led to Communist and Union assertions that the Government was attempting to put labour leaders out of the way on trumped-up charges until after the election. — United Press.

Australian Trade With P.I.

Baguio, Mar. 10.

Improved trade relations between the Philippine Republic and Australia will be discussed by the two Governments in the near future, Mr. R. Hazzard, the Australian delegate to the present FAO rice conference here and Trade Commissioner for the Far East of the Australian Commonwealth, said in a press interview today.

He also said that Australia was ready to give the Philippines a helping hand in securing more foodstuffs and other essential requirements.

Mr. Jose S. Camus, chairman of the Philippine delegation, declared in a press statement that he favoured increased trade between the two countries, adding that Australia can use copra, lumber, adena or hemp, while the Philippines has been importing livestock from the Commonwealth for feeding purposes. — Reuters.

SOLEMN PAPAL CHAPEL

Vatican City, Mar. 10.

The Congregation of Ceremonial today published an "Intimation" (Invitation) for a solemn Papal chapel to be held on March 12, the ninth anniversary of Pope Pius' coronation.

Benedetto Cardinal Aloisi Masella, first ranking resident Cardinal priest among the Princes of the Church created by the present Pontiff, will officiate.

The ceremony, to be held in the Sistine Chapel, will be attended by Cardinals, other high ranking members of the hierarchy, the Papal nobility and diplomats accredited to the Holy See. — Associated Press.

SWEDEN KEEPING CLEAR

Stockholm, Mar. 9.

The Swedish Foreign Minister, Professor Olof Uggla, in an article published today, said: "The Swedish Government and Parliament have stated as clearly as possible that Sweden will not let herself be driven into any big power bloc, policy of avoiding political or military commitments on either side" was dictated not by fear but by common sense and by the inner instinct for self-preservation. — Reuters.

Dispute Over The Sudan

Cairo, Mar. 9.

The Egyptian Senate tonight postponed until tomorrow a debate it was to have held this evening on the future administration of the Sudan.

A further worsening of relations between Egypt and Britain was feared by observers here when the Northern Sudan Advisory Council today accepted British proposals for a Sudan Legislative Assembly and an Executive Council.

This unanimous vote for a scheme already rejected by Egypt was regarded as presenting Egypt with a fait accompli, although it caused no surprise.

The news reached Cairo a few hours before the Egyptian Senate was to have opened its discussion on the scheme for the Sudan, which has been administered by a British Governor-General for nearly 50 years.

The suggestion that Egypt should again raise the issue of the Sudan before the Security Council—where it has not been heard since last August—was made in some political quarters here tonight. — Reuters.

Expanding Chinese Shipping

Shanghai, Mar. 10.

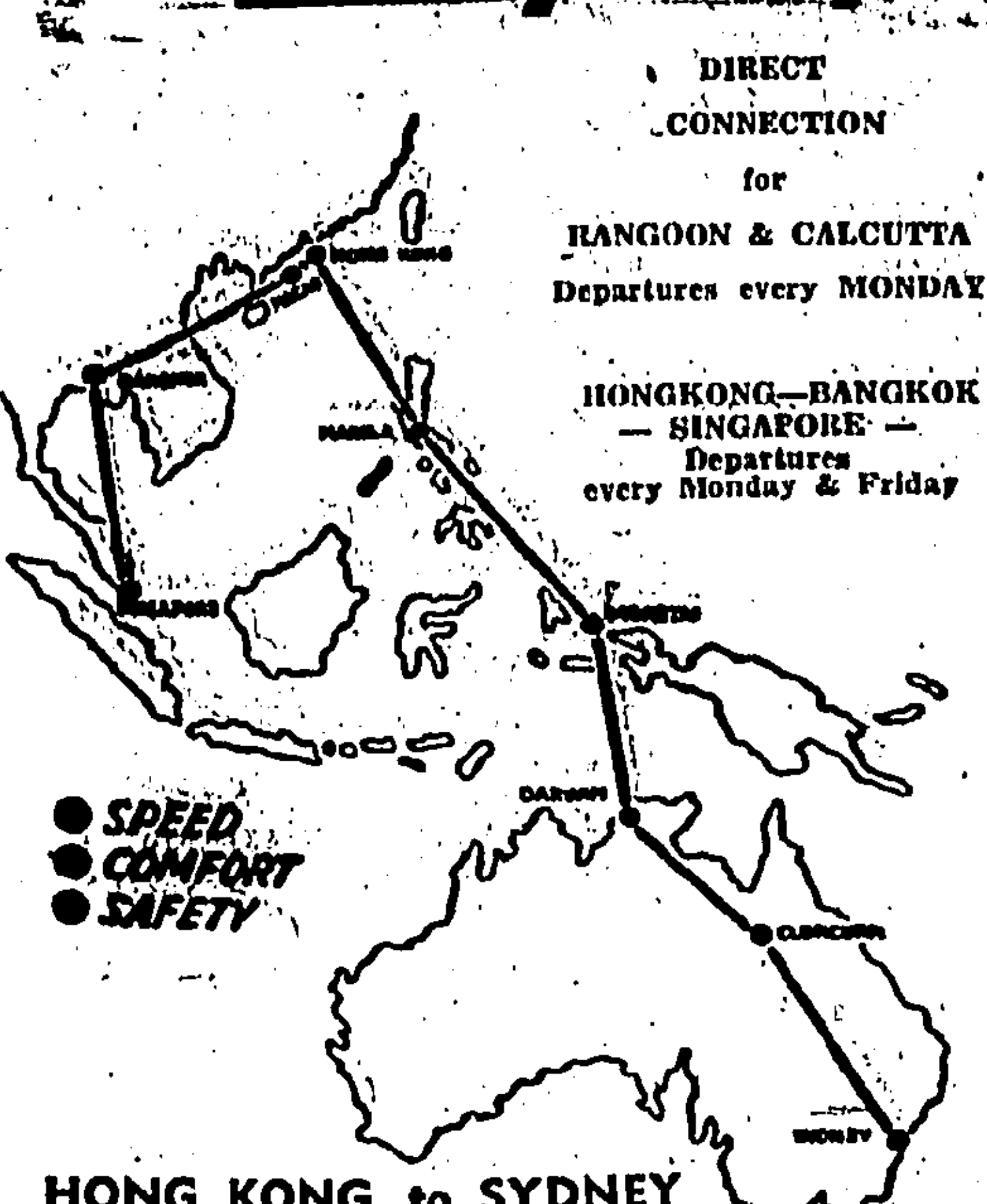
Mr. Wang Shao-tung, Chinese shipping expert, is scheduled to leave here shortly on an extended tour of Southeast Asia to investigate the possibilities of extending overseas shipping lines of the China Merchants Steam Navigation Company, it is reported today.

He will also study the chances of increased trade between China and the countries that he visits, which will include the Philippines, Burma, Siam, Malaya and India.

Mr. Wang was quoted by Chinese reports as stating that China Merchants are planning to concentrate on overseas service, leaving internal services to other Chinese shipping companies. — Reuters.

Paris, Mar. 9.
Fifteen persons were arrested in Paris today and other arrests were believed imminent, tonight, in connection with the discovery in a Paris garage last Saturday of an arms dump destined for Palestinian Jewish terrorists. — Reuters.

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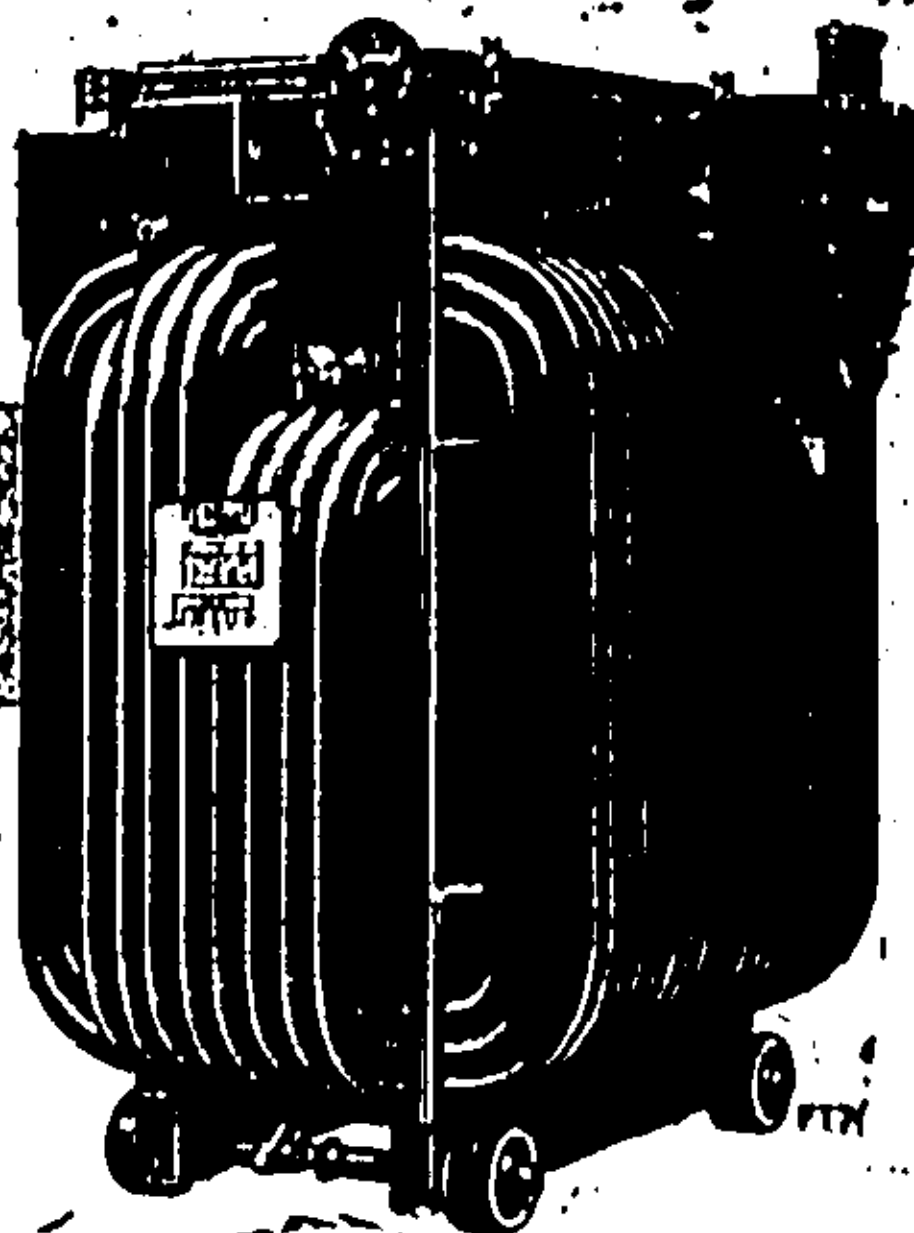
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ENGINEERING PAGE

Elaborate Radio-Telephone System
For New Pipe Line

Recognition of Britain's top-ranking position in radio engineering is underlined by the award of a £300,000 contract for one of the most elaborate telephone and radio communication systems yet devised. Radio Beams will span the whole length of a new oil-pipe line which is to be laid between the Persian Gulf and a Mediterranean port 800 miles distant.

The order is the largest of its kind ever placed and has been given to The General Electric Co. Ltd. of England whose scheme was chosen from among several British and American tenders. When finished it will embody the combined skill of the expert in every known branch of telephone and radio engineering.

The equipment will include the main V.H.F. (Very High Frequency) beamed transmitting and receiving stations; high, medium and low power H.F. (High Frequency) transmitting and receiving stations; unattended automatic radio repeater stations; telephone ex-

changes; mobile H.F. transmitting and receiving stations and "Walkie-Talkie". Transmitting stations will use both amplitude and the new frequency systems of modulation. The whole of this great range of equipment will be made in the works of the G.E.C.

During the construction of the pipe-line, radio will provide communication between working parties and base camps which will be used as supervision points. The working parties will be provided with mobile wireless trucks and

walkie-talkies, which will enable communication to be maintained during the surveying of some of the difficult terrain through which the pipe-line will run.

After the constructional period the entire system will be used for administrative and maintenance purposes, the operation of the pipe-line being entirely dependent upon its communication channels. Radio transmitters and receivers will be positioned at both ends of the route and at intermediate stations to provide a relay

system for communicating between stations. An operator at any one of the stations will be able to dial a number and speak to operators at other stations, the only link between them being the radio beams. A teleprinter service will also be operated between the stations over similar radio links. The mobile trucks and walkie-talkies will enable patrols to maintain instantaneous and direct communication with each other.

In addition, radio communication will be possible between stations along the pipe-line and aircraft flying along the route, and other stations will keep in touch with ships approaching port.

The complete system will be the most advanced of its type in the world and will provide an excellent example of the application to peaceful purposes of Very-High-Frequency communication technique developed during wartime by the G.E.C. Research Laboratories at Wembley, London.

Conflict On Role Of
Aviation Industry

Guy W. Vaughan, president of Curtiss-Wright Corp., said recently that in the event of a future emergency the aircraft industry should concentrate on design and let other industries roll out planes on their assembly lines.

But J.H. Kindelberger, president of North American Aviation, Inc., disagreed. He said it would be "impractical" to bring into the aircraft production programme any industries that were not engaged in peacetime.

Both men testified before President Truman's Air Policy Commission at hearings on current and future needs of the aircraft industry prior to drawing up an overall air-policy for the nation.

Vaughan said his experience during World War II convinced him of the need for a "new concept" of the industry's responsibilities as the primary source for the design and development of aircraft.

In time of war, he said, other industries should be charged with mass-producing planes, while the aircraft industry devoted all its energies to patterns, tools and fixtures. Such a programme would eliminate the "chaotic conditions" encountered at the start of World War II, he said.

Kindelberger said that because of the increasing complexity of military planes "better results would be obtained by relying on further expansion of the peace-

time airframe industry" than by bringing other industries into the program.

Earlier, R.V. Hunt, vice president of Douglas Aircraft Co., stressed the need for "more sustained volume of production at competitive prices which would permit reasonable margins of profit." He said the industry's postwar financial troubles resulted from large deficits, depletion of working capital, rising costs, and lack of long-term credits.—United Press.

Engineering
Institution
Merger

As is now well known, the long-established Institution of Automobile Engineers has been merged into the Institution of Mechanical Engineers, of which it has been the Automobile Division.

The merger is likely to be of great benefit to all concerned, because it strengthens the status of the former I.A.E. and helps to weld into a single powerful whole all engineering interests.

On October 7 the first annual general meeting of the Automobile Division was held, and Captain G. T. Smith-Clarke, M.I. Mech.E., chief engineer and general manager of A.V. Ltd., was inducted as chairman for the session 1947-48.

It would be difficult to say in the industry whether Captain Smith-Clarke is more respected for his extraordinarily wide range of engineering knowledge and practice or for the modesty and kindness of his personality, but it is certain that the Automobile Division is starting its new life with an admirable chairman.

Silver Brazing
Alloys

"Silver-jointed" tricycles are among the toys now being readied for distribution in the United States this year.

Literally, the parts of the frames are stuck together with silver. It is another illustration of a technique expanded during the war; wider and better industrial use of silver brazing alloys.

Melted at relatively low temperatures, the alloys flow almost like water. Capillary attraction pulls the binding fluid in between the most closely matched surfaces. The solder is so strong that a film a thousandth of an inch or less is enough to bind joints; second only to welding in strength.

Assuming well-machined surfaces, as much silver as is contained in a sixpence probably would be enough for the dozen joints of a tricycle.

Gigantic
Production
Effort

Some sense of Britain's gigantic production effort for the export market may be gauged from the fact disclosed to-day that one Birmingham factory last week achieved a record chromium-plating output, amounting to 1,424,000 cycle components chromium-plated in five days. This shows an increase of 133% on the comparable figure for the peak pre-war week.

In disclosing these figures applicable to their Works, the Hercules Cycle & Motor Co. Ltd. point out that, if all other plating such as cadmium and zinc plating is taken into consideration, the number of parts thus treated in their factories is at present 3,387,000 components per week.

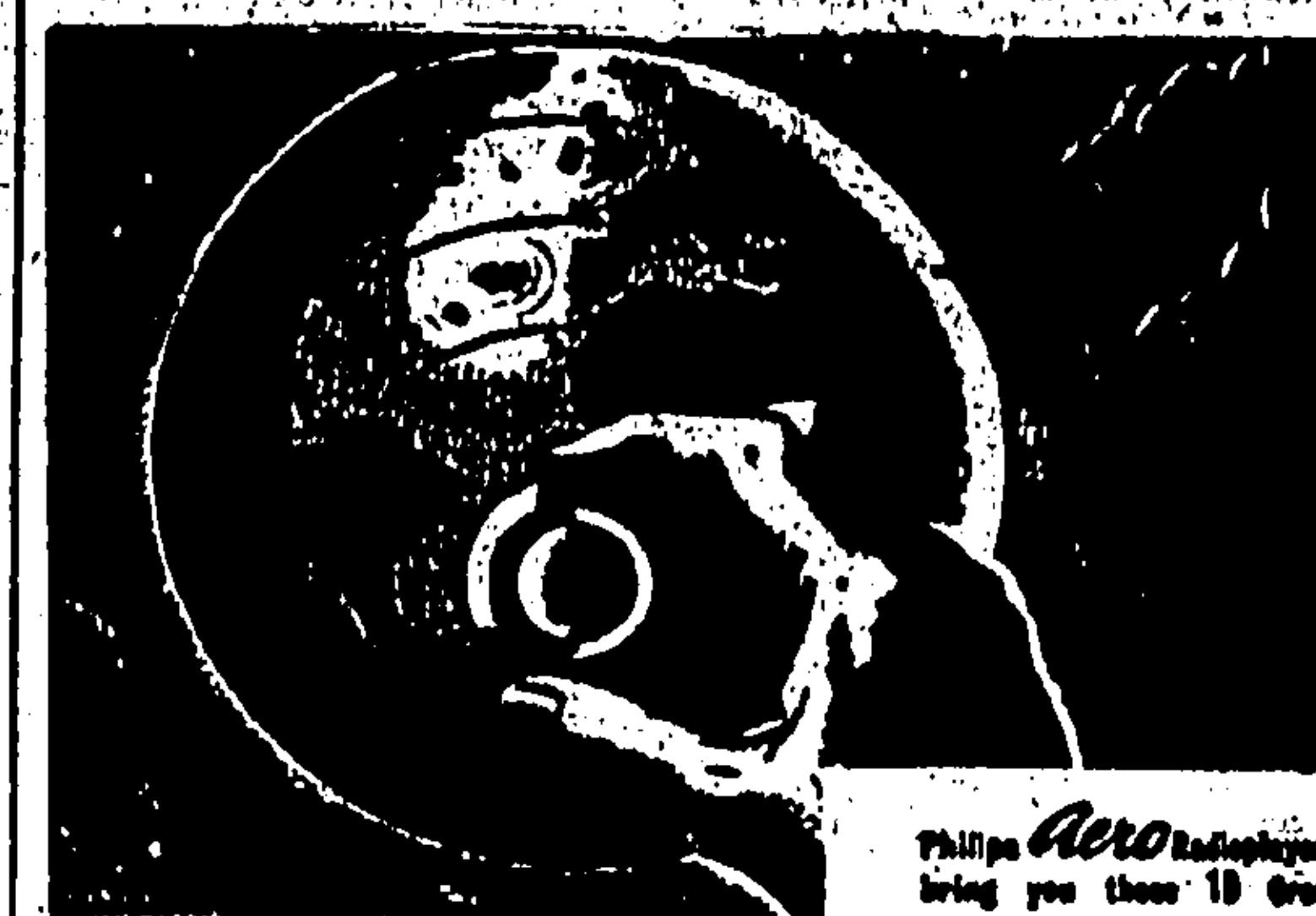
A remarkable fact is that the main plant concerned in the war, but was restarted late in 1946 with the help of the Board of Trade in releasing skilled personnel from the Forces overseas. Since then, tremendous effort expended by all concerned in re-conversion has resulted in the plant being brought to the point where peak production is possible.

Although cycle output has not yet reached the highest pre-war level due to shortage of steel, the increase in plating is due to the fact that many more parts are treated than on the 1939 bicycle. Native populations overseas, as well as cyclists at home insist on this attractive quality finish.

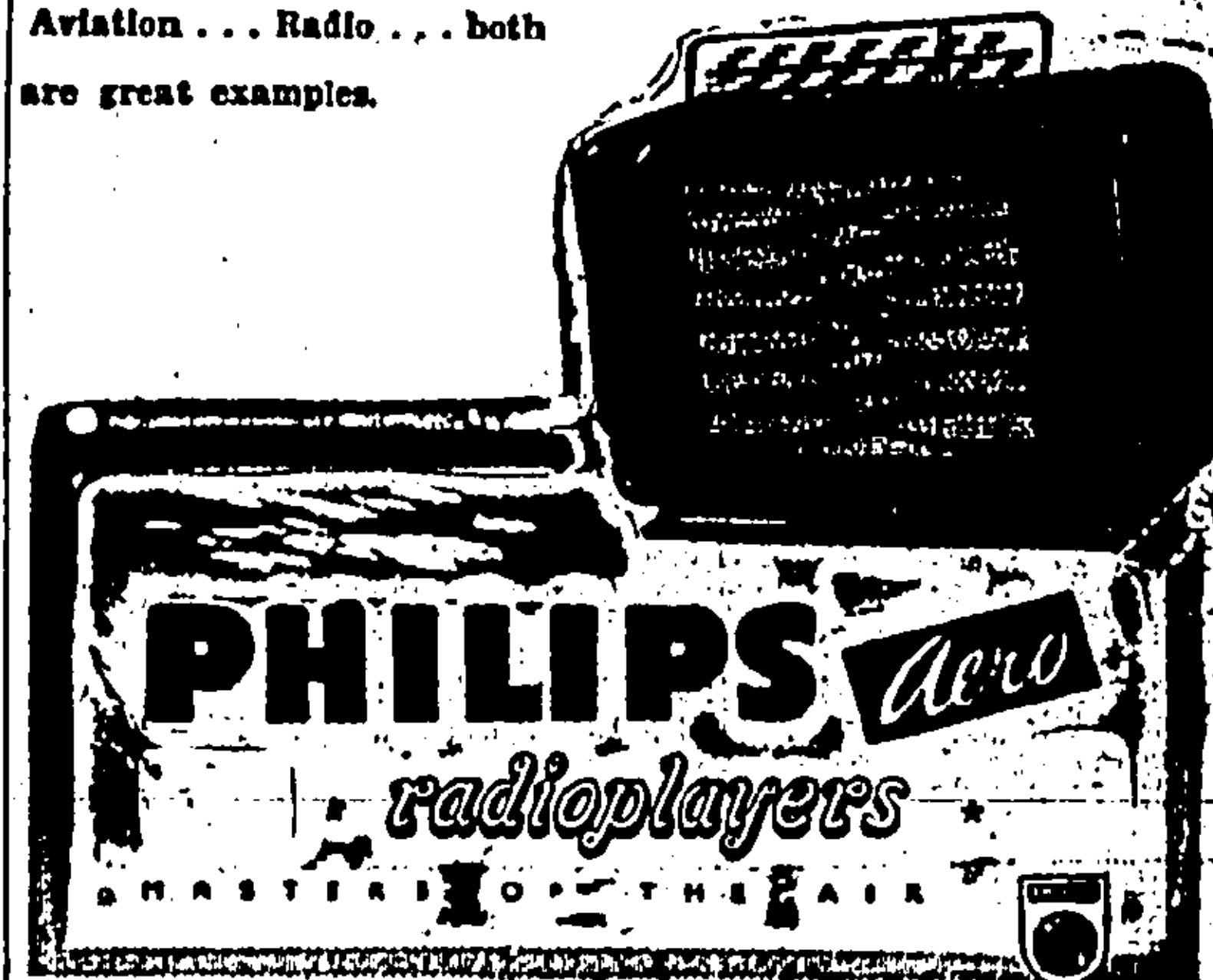
The Hercules Company's production of complete cycles has increased—as recently featured in the Government's "Report to The Nation"—by 15% as compared with the corresponding week last year, and the firm has recently reached Sir Stafford Cripps' export target of 75% shipment of total output overseas.

It is estimated that there is a pent-up demand in Chile for at least 60,000 vehicles of all types. The United Kingdom and Chilean Governments have agreed to extend for 12 months from July 1st, 1947, the most favoured nation treatment previously provided for.

Under a new decree, Greek motorists will only be permitted to use their vehicles three days each week. Petrol coupons are also to be reduced by 70 per cent for all vehicles.

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THE PATH TO RECOVERY

Union Conference In London

London, Mar. 9. Divisions within the International Trade Union movement must not prevent those who could agree from walking together on the path to European recovery, Miss Florence Hancock, the British Chairman, told the International Trade Union Conference on the Marshall Plan here today.

Miss Hancock, who is Chairman of the General Council of the Trades Union Congress, was speaking at the opening session of the Conference, which is being attended by representatives of most of the major trade union movements in Western Europe and the United States.

She declared that they were meeting to "come to grips" with a situation created by the decision of the 16 European nations to participate in the promotion of economic recovery and the decision of other Governments to pursue a different line of policy.

The Conference approved the credentials of 48 delegates from 26 union centres. The rival American trade union groups—the Congress of Industrial Organizations and the American Federation of Labour—have both sent delegates. Portugal, Turkey, Iceland and Greece are not represented. Other absentees are the representatives of the official French and Italian national trade union organisations.

Extensive precautions had been taken to ensure the privacy of the Conference delegates, who were taken quickly into Transport House, the British trade union headquarters, before the press or photographers could meet them.

The floor on which the Conference was held was cleared of all strangers.

All speakers at today's conference emphasised the importance of the labour and the trade union movements of Western Europe in the European recovery programme.

Two Commissions

Two commissions of seven members each have been established. The first will prepare a general declaration of the aims of the conference and the second will make recommendations about some form of continuing organisation.

M. Louis Major, of the Belgian Labour Federation, spoke for the Benelux national trade union centres. He hoped that the other countries represented at the conference would examine the initiative taken by the Benelux countries in the direction of a customs union.

Mr. Frank Fenton, of the American Federation of Labour, who spoke also for the American Labour Executives Association, said they firmly believed the success of the recovery programme would depend largely on the Western European trade unionists.

Mr. Arthur Deakin, the British delegate and President of the World Federation of Trade Unions, said the trade unions in each of the participating countries should seek close association with their own Governments in the administration of the recovery programme.

The present conference should agree to set up a trade union advisory committee to keep in touch with and to inform all the national centres about developments of the programme. This committee should be empowered to reconvene the conference when necessary.

M. Leon Jouhaux, of the Force Ouvriere (France), said the programme must be put into operation with all speed to avoid "a very grave crisis."

There was no intention of lining up the West against the East. The position of trade unions in some countries would be strengthened by unanimous decisions at the conference.

Reuter.

INSTITUTE WORKING AGAIN

Hanoi, Mar. 10. Hanoi's famous Pasteur Institute, one of Southeast Asia's outstanding centres of medical research before the war, which was almost completely destroyed in the Vietnamese resistance attack on the French in December, 1946, has been partially restored and reopened.—Associated Press.

Domination Not In Our Language

London, Mar. 9. The Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, told the English-Speaking Union tonight that persons speaking the English tongue "could not think in terms of domination."

Mr. Bevin said common language ties with the United States had knit the two nations together, but he denied that "in Anglo-American politics we are gangling up together."

"We don't need to think. It will not be re-asserting to my pilots if they feel that the incident is the result of my being here."

"The Russians have no reason to object to the flights to and from Mukden. We are operating under the authority of the Chinese Government, over Chinese territory and are complying in every way with international law as related to such a service."

General Chennault said his planes had already evacuated about 3,000 persons from Mukden and he hoped the operation would be completed shortly.—Reuter.

Fighters Were Not Chinese

Washington, Mar. 9. General Claire Chennault, the operator of the airline whose plane was attacked by two fighter planes with Russian Red Star markings on a flight from Mukden to Taipei, said tonight he believed the fighters belonged to the Russian forces based at Port Arthur.

"No one has any reason to shoot at us," he said, adding that he had ordered his planes to continue their evacuation flights from Mukden.

"If the fighter planes were P-39s and bore Russian markings, they could not have been Chinese. The Chinese have no P-39s," he declared.

Asked whether the incident was connected with his trip to Washington to testify before a Congressional committee on the proposed United States aid to China, General Chennault said:

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MacA Campaign Starts

Washington, Mar. 9. The campaign to elect General Douglas MacArthur, the Supreme Allied Commander in Tokyo, to be President of the United States, swung into action here today, after the general's announcement of his willingness to run.

Mr. Warren Wright, a Chicago banker who is the national coordinator of the "MacArthur for America" Club, being set up across the nation, waved a sheet of telegrams at a press conference here, declaring: "General MacArthur's sentiment is already landholding the country."

"General MacArthur's statement yesterday offers hope and courage to a politically sick and worried people. This is more than a political campaign, it is a crusade for real Americans to save America."

Messages coming into the "MacArthur for President" headquarters here indicate that the general's supporters feel that he would take a firm policy towards Russia, and that, because of his long military experience he would be the man "to tell old Joe where to get off."—Reuter.

MacArthur Stand On China

Boston, Mar. 9. The Christian Science Monitor editorial today titled "MacArthur on China" declared that the injection of political implications into Gen. Douglas MacArthur's views on China was "grossly unfair to a man who has won enormous and deserved prestige as an expert on the Far East—though as he carefully points out in his message to the House Committee without first hand detailed knowledge of Chinese problems."

The editorial declared: "Of chief importance is his implied but obvious objection to making aid to China secondary to the European recovery programme. This echoes wartime disagreement when Washington policy put the defeat of Hitler ahead of the defeat of Japan. No one knows better than Gen. MacArthur the difficulties and disappointments that policy caused in the Pacific. Yet no one knows better than Gen. MacArthur the disaster which could have come from spreading limited resources so thin that they would be fully effective nowhere."

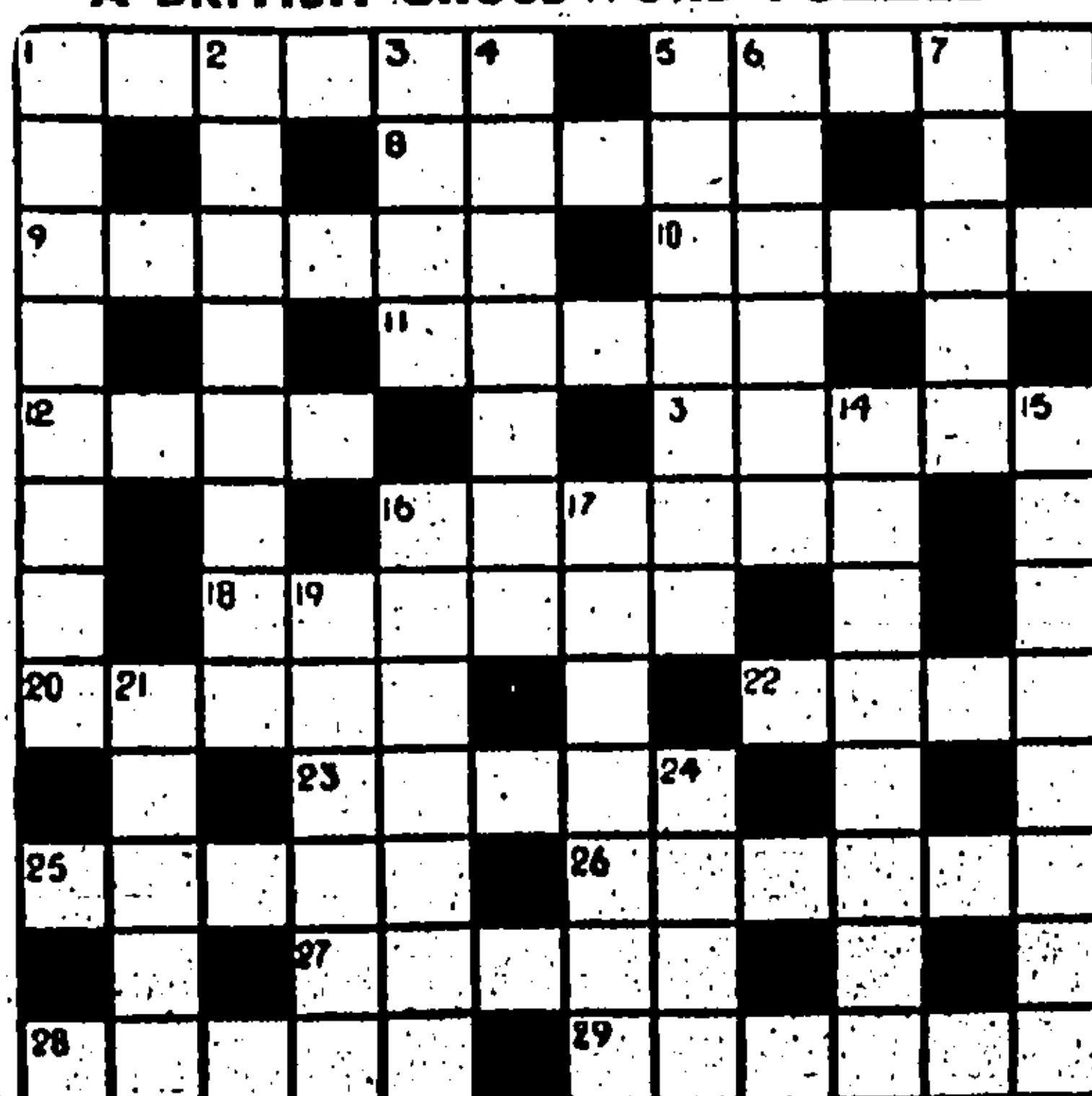
The Monitor noted that both Gen. MacArthur and Lt. Gen. Albert C. Wedemeyer favour military settlement of China's civil war and the delaying of Chinese Government reforms.

OFF FOR HOME

Tokyo, Mar. 10. Air Vice-Marshal C. A. Boucher, Commander of British Occupation air units since their arrival in Japan in February 1946, will sail this month for England.

Boucher was in command of the Allied fighter cover placed over the beachhead during the Normandy invasion. He has been Acting Commander of all British Occupation units during the absence of the Australian, Lieutenant General H. C. H. Robertson.—Associated Press.

A BRITISH CROSSWORD PUZZLE



Clues Across

- 1 Paid back.
- 5 Damp.
- 8 Measuring apparatus.
- 9 Deadly.
- 10 Stunned.
- 11 Solitary.
- 12 Abound.
- 13 Watchful.
- 16 Angry.
- 18 Crib.
- 20 Inexplicated.
- 22 Wound-mark.
- 23 Urged.
- 25 Residence.
- 26 Soft whispering sound.
- 27 Went astray.
- 28 Loans.
- 29 Make numb.

Clues Down

- 1 Telling.
- 2 Solitaire.
- 3 Mosque.
- 4 Retarded.
- 5 Intercede.
- 6 Prophetic.
- 7 Perpendicular.
- 14 Brought up.
- 15 Number.
- 16 Aircraft.
- 17 Changed.
- 19 Staggered.
- 21 Elevate.
- 24 Pop.

Yesterday's Crossword

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Peninsular Oriental



STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY

ARRIVALS

SHIP	FROM	DUE
"TREVILYAN"	U.K. and Continent via Straits	15th Apr.
"TRESILLIAN"	Japan	17th Apr.
"TREVILYAN"	Shanghai	29th Apr.
"TREVILYAN"	U.K. and Continent via Straits	15th May.
"TREVILYAN"	U.K. and Continent via Straits	29th May
"TREVILYAN"	Shanghai & Japan	15th June

SAILINGS

SHIP	TO	SAILING
"TREVILYAN"	Shanghai & Japan	11th Mar.
"TREVILYAN"	U.K. Continent via Straits & Genoa	14th Mar.
"TREVILYAN"	Shanghai	14th Apr.
"TREVILYAN"	U.K. and Continent via Straits & Aden	19th Apr.
"TREVILYAN"	U.K. and Continent via Straits	2nd May
"TREVILYAN"	Shanghai	17th May
"TREVILYAN"	U.K. and Continent via Straits	31st May
"TREVILYAN"	Shanghai & Japan	17th June

British

India



STEAM NAVIGATION CO., LTD.

ARRIVALS

SHIP	FROM	DUE
"CASTLEDORE"	Japan	13th Mar.

SAILINGS

SHIP	TO	SAILING
"CASTLEDORE"	Singapore, Penang, Colombo, Ceylon, Bombay	15th Mar.

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APCAR LINE

ARRIVALS

SHIP	FROM	DUE
"SANGOLA"	Amoy	13th Mar.
"SIRIDHANA"	Calcutta & Rangoon via Straits	22nd Apr.

SAILINGS

SHIP	TO	SAILING
"SANGOLA"	Amoy	a.m. 10th Mar.
"SANGOLA"	Calcutta via Straits Rangoon & Madras	10.30 a.m. 15th Mar.

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SHIPS	from	Due
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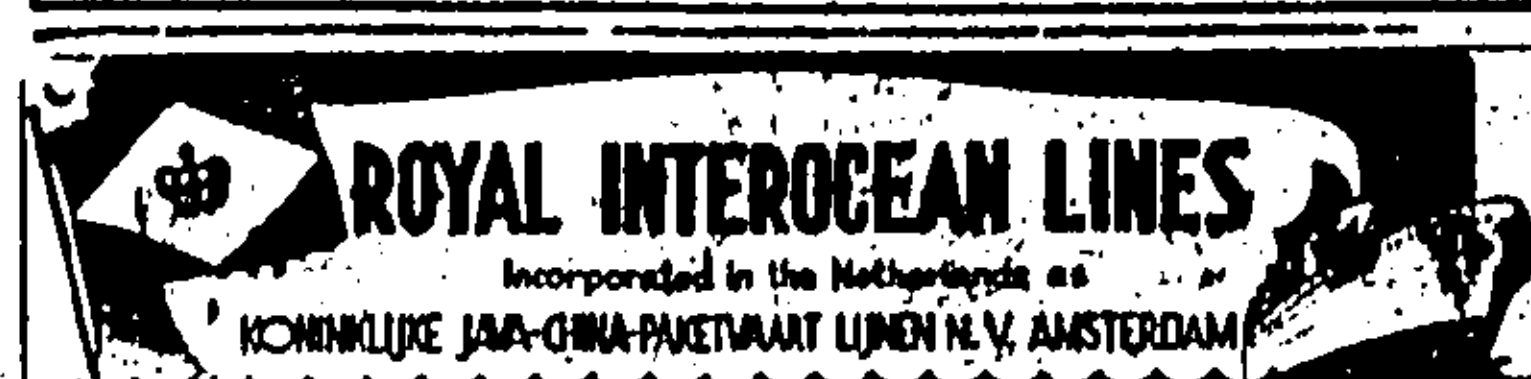
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"TJISADANE"	In Port	Batavia, Semarang, Surabaya & Macassar, 14th March.
"TJIBADAK"	Amoy 11th March	Amoy 14th March Sailing for Manila & Amoy 18th March Sailing for Batavia, Semarang, Surabaya & Macassar, 28th March.

"VALERIUS"	12nd March	Manila, Macassar, Surabaya, Semarang, Batavia, 13th March.
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ASIA-AFRICA-SOUTH AMERICA SERVICE		
Due from	Sailing for	
"RUYB"	In port Sailing for Shanghai 5 p.m. 19th Mar.	Manila, Singapore, Batavia, Mauritius, Lourenco, Marques, Belra, Durban, East London, Port Elizabeth, Mosselbay, Capetown, Buenos Aires, Montevideo, Santos, Rio de Janeiro, 25th March, 5 p.m., 28th March.

Transshipment cargo on through bill of lading accepted for Dar-Es-Salaam, Mombasa & Zanzibar.		
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"BOISSEYAIN"	South Africa South America end April	South Africa South America end April
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SUMATRA-MALAYA-CHINA SERVICE		
Due from	Sailing for	
"HEINRICH JESSEN"	Swatow & Amoy 13th March	Singapore, Penang, Belawan, Deli, 31st March.

"VAN HEUTSZ"	Belawan, Deli, Penang Singapore 21st March Sailing for Swatow & Amoy.	Singapore, Penang, Belawan, Deli, 31st March.
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HOLLAND-EAST ASIA LINE		
Due from	Sailing for	
"GAASTERKERK"	Europe 13th March	Manila/Singapore/Colombo/Suez/Port Said/Alexandria/Genoa/Marseilles/Antwerp/Rotterdam/Amsterdam/Hamburg/Copenhagen/Göteborg/Oslo on or about 6th April.

"ALPHACCA"	Europe, on or about 2nd April.	Manila, Singapore, Colombo, Suez, Port Said, Alexandria, Genoa, Marseilles, Antwerp, Rotterdam, Copenhagen, Hamburg, Göteborg, Oslo early May.
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"RIDDERKERK"	Europe, early May	Manila/Singapore/Colombo/Suez/Port Said/Alexandria/Genoa/Marseilles/Antwerp/Rotterdam/Amsterdam/Hamburg/Copenhagen/Göteborg/Oslo early June.
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Atlantic Coast	Late March	m.v. "BALI"

ARRIVALS		
From	Date	Vessel
Pacific Coast	19th March	m.v. "DONA ANICETA"
Atlantic Coast	8th April	m.v. "MINDORO"
Pacific Coast	Early April	m.v. "ANDAMAN"

SAILINGS		
For	Date	Vessel
Manila	20th March	m.v. "ESCALANTE"
Atlantic Coast	25th March	m.v. "DONA ANICETA"
Los Angeles	Early April	m.v. "TAMARA"
San Francisco & Los Angeles	Early April	m.v. "ANDAMAN"

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N.Y. Stock Market
New York, Mar. 10. General bearishness, together with erratic commodity, continued to depress most stock market leaders on Tuesday. A bullish argument, however, was that selling pressure remained light throughout. Extreme losses ranging from two to more points were realized, in most cases at the close and a smattering of plus signs emerged.

Transfers totaled 660,000 shares. Among sellers were United Fruit, International Harvester, American Tobacco, American Telephone & Telegraph, United Aircraft, Blumberg, Alcoa, United States Steel, Union Pacific, Mission Corporation, Coca-Cola, American Petroleum.

Dow Jones Average Stocks 60.57, 29 includes 16.09, 16 Bolls 49.00, 10 Utilities 31.84.

Closing quotations: Adams Express 18 1/2, Alaska Juneau 3 1/2, American Can 7 1/2, American Smelting 4 1/2, American Telephone & Telegraph 15 1/2, American Tobacco 11 1/2, American Waterworks 7 1/2, Anaconda Copper 2 1/2, Aviation Corp. 5, Baldwin Locomotive 1 1/2, Borden 1 1/2, Bendis Aviation 2 1/2, Bethlehem Steel 1 1/2, B. & O. 1 1/2, Canadian Pacific 1 1/2, J. I. Case 3 1/2, Chrysler 5 1/2, Colgate 2 1/2, Commercial Solvent 2 1/2, Corn Products 5 1/2, Dupont 1 1/2, Eastern Kodak 2 1/2, Electric Light & Power 1 1/2, General Electric 3 1/2, General Motors 5 1/2, Goodrich 4 1/2, Goodyear 2 1/2, Homestead Mining 4 1/2, International Harvester 12 1/2, International Paper 11 1/2, International Tel. & Tel. 12 1/2, Johns-Manville 3 1/2, Kennecott Copper 4 1/2, Montgomery Ward 4 1/2, National Distillers 1 1/2, National Lead 2 1/2, New York Central 12 1/2, Packard Motor 4 1/2, Pan American Airways 8 1/2, Pennsylvania RR 1 1/2, Radio Corp. 8 1/2, Republic Steel 2 1/2, Reynolds Tobacco 3 1/2, Schenley 2 1/2, Sears Roebuck 2 1/2, U.S. Steel 1 1/2, U.S. Rubber 1 1/2, U.S. Steel 1 1/2, Westinghouse 2 1/2, Youngstown Sheet & Tube 2 1/2, Gen. Pub. Utilities 12 1/2.

Money Market
day and closed at \$341.75 a ton, after opening at \$346.50. Highest and lowest rates of the day were \$347.50 and \$340. Plastics opened at \$13.05, dropped to \$11.95, and closed at \$12.10 a 100.

Chinese National Currency took another downward plunge as futures closed at the all-time low of 13 1/2 cents after opening at 14 cents for C\$10.000.

There was no transaction in spot which was quoted nominal at 16 cents.

Ticals made a 20-cent jump to close at \$26.80 a 100. NEI Guilders were unchanged at \$21.00 a 100.

U.S. dollars resumed the up grade and closed at \$5.66 1/2. Sterling also was firmer at \$13.00, while Australian pounds were unchanged at \$12.63.

SILVER & GOLD MARKETS
London, Silver, Spot, fine ounce, 45d; Forward, fine ounce, 45d. Bar Gold, per fine ounce 172 1/2. New York: Silver, Bar (asked price) 74 1/2 cts; Bar, Gold, per fine ounce (official) 33 1/2.

Bombay: Market closed. Buenos Aires: Sovereign, buyers 70.30, sellers 71.30; U.S. Eagles, 128.50; 130.50; Gold, Bar, per gramme, 6.60; 6.55.

Bangkok: Gold, Bar, per half-weight of 15.244 grammes 550 ticks. Exchange Rate (selling)—Bangkok on New York T.F. 21.40; London 60.75; Hong Kong 3.65.

Alexandria: Gold, per "dirhem" 17 1/2 piastres, Egyptian pound 530, Sovereign 598, Turkey pound 390, Napoleon 185, Dollars (piece de cinq) 510, Silver (piastres per Kilogram) 790.

One "dirhem" equals to 1/10th of an ounce.—Reuter.

JEWISH COUNCIL
Jerusalem, Mar. 9. Jewish political parties agreed today on a 32-man Council to govern the Jewish state when the British evacuate the Holy Land.

Approximately 2,000 British troops and several hundred civilians are scheduled to leave Palestine aboard the SS Samaria which is due today at Haifa.

British officials were told yesterday that their families must be out of Palestine by the end of March.—United Press.

N.Y. RUBBER.
New York, Mar. 10. Grade rubber futures closed 30 to 50 lower. Sales were 110 contracts. March 19.50 nominal, May 19.20, July 18.40, September 18.15 bid, December 17.90 bid, No. 1 ribbed smoked sheets 18 1/2 nominal.—Associated Press.

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"NEOWIANG" Bangkok 4 p.m. 14th Mar.
"SHENGKING" Shanghai 4 p.m. 17th Mar.
"FOOCHOW" Yokohama 4 p.m. 17th Mar.
"KWEIYANG" Amoy, Swatow, Saigon, H'kong, 10 a.m. 18th Mar.
"SINKIANG" Singapore, Macassar, Sourabaya, Semarang, Cheribon, Batavia & Banka 10 a.m. 25th Mar.
"BOOCHOW" Incheon & Fusan 1st week in April.
"SZECHUEN" Swatow, Bangkok & Saigon 1st week in April.

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ARRIVALS FROM
"TSINAN" Swatow 9 a.m. 12th Mar.
"KWEIYANG" Bangkok, Saigon & Swatow 13th Mar.
"FOOCHOW" Java & Singapore 13th Mar.
"SHENGKING" Shanghai 7 a.m. 16th Mar.

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U.K. SERVICE
Arrivals from
"TENG 104" U.K. via Straits & Manila 18th March
"MENESTHEUS" U.K. via Straits & Manila 20th March

Sailings to
"ELPENOR" Marseilles, Havre, Liverpool and Glasgow via Port Said 20th Mar.
"TITAN" Casablanca, Liverpool via Port Said 9th April.

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Singapore
Mar. 13, BOAC (Capt. Macgregor), 4 p.m.
Manila
Mar. 12, Cathay Pacific, 12.30 p.m.

Shanghai
Dally, CNAC, 10.45 a.m.
Mar. 11, Pan-American, 4.45 p.m.
Mar. 12, H.K. Airways, 3 p.m.
Canton
H.K. Airways, thrice daily: 11 a.m., 1.30 p.m. & 5.30 p.m.
San Francisco
Via Honolulu, Wake Guam, (Manila)
Mar. 13, Pan-American, 12.45 p.m.

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Via Honolulu, Wake Guam, (Manila)
Mar. 11, Pan-American, 4.45 p.m.
Mar. 18, Pan-American, 4.45 p.m.

Salon
Mar. 12, Air France, 2 p.m.
Singapore via Bangkok
Mar. 14, Cathay Pacific, 2 p.m.
Mar. 17, Cathay Pacific, 2 p.m.

Departures To:

Bangkok-Poule
ding, 8 a.m.
Mar. 13, BOAC (Capt. Madge), 8 a.m.
Oslo via Bangkok
Mar. 13, Braniff, 8 a.m.

Manila
Mar. 11, Cathay Pacific, 2.30 p.m.
Mar. 13, Philippine Airlines, 12 noon
Mar. 16, Cathay Pacific, 2.30 p.m.

Shanghai
Dally, CNAC, 11.45 a.m.
Mar. 11, H.K. Airways, 10 a.m.
Canton
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San Francisco
Via Honolulu, Wake Guam, (Manila)
Mar. 11, Pan-American, 8 a.m.

San Francisco
Via Honolulu, Wake Guam, (Manila)
Mar. 12, Pan-American, 10 a.m.
Mar. 19, Pan-American, 10 a.m.

Salon
Mar. 13, Air France, 7.30 a.m.

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Shanghai, 10 a.m.
Japan (Ord. letters and cards only), 10 a.m.

Airmail, 10 a.m.
Hsinchun, 11 a.m.
Swatow and Bangkok, 3 p.m.
Macao, Tientsin and Shihki, 3 p.m.
Amoy, 3 p.m.
Manila, 3 p.m.
Macao, Tientsin and Shihki, 4 p.m.
Hongkong, 5 p.m.
Canton, 5 p.m.

FRIDAY, MARCH 12
Closing Times By Air
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(Ord.) 9.30 a.m.
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(Ord.) 11.30 a.m.

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Amoy, 3 p.m.
Manila, 3 p.m.
Macao, Tientsin and Shihki, 4 p.m.
Hongkong, 5 p.m.
Canton, 5 p.m.

SATURDAY, MARCH 13
Closing Times By Air
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